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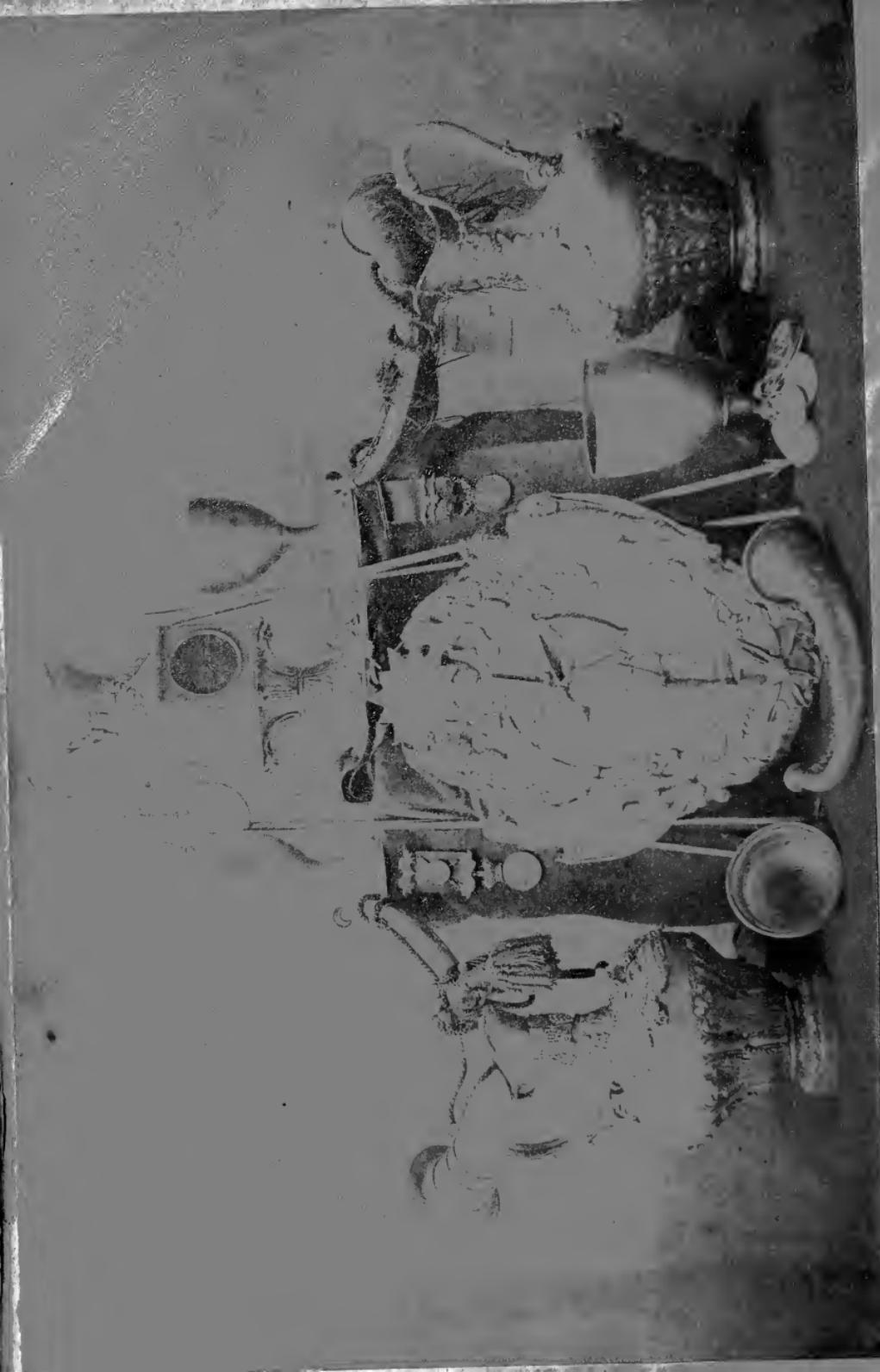
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A HISTORY

OF THE

ROYAL TOXOPHILITE SOCIETY,

FROM ITS INSTITUTION
TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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PREFACE.

THE pretensions of this little *Brochure* are of a very humble character, and the Editor puts forth no claim for originality, for indeed it can only be considered as a compilation of extracts from the works of Roberts, Sir H. Ellis, Waring, Hansard, &c., bearing more particularly on the history of the Royal Toxophilite Society, of which the Editor is a member, and also of accounts of some of the contests of it's earlier members, &c., taken from the Society's Records, for which, as also for a description of it's various valuable and interesting relics, the Editor is indebted to the kind courtesy and unwearied labours of the present Hon. Secretary.

Probably not many Archers have read the works of Roberts, &c., as they are now very scarce, and perhaps much of the matter would be considered rather dry and uninteresting, yet many of the Royal Toxophilites would, the Editor thinks, like to have put together in a small work, the information which has reference to their own Society, hence this publication, in the compiling of which he has had personal gratification, and hopes it may not be an unacceptable gift to his fellow members.

As there may be many interesting facts relative to the R. T. S. known to old Toxophilites, of which the Editor is not aware, and which could be embodied in a future edition of this work, he will feel obliged by their being communicated to him to the care of W. Butt, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Archers' Lodge, Regent's Park.



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IN a history of the Royal Toxophilite Society we are necessarily compelled to refer to that of the Hon. Artillery Company of London, and of the Finsbury Archers, in consequence of the connexion which existed between them in former days.

In the year 1514 the Citizens of London practised Archery in the Fields about Islington, Hoxton, and Shoreditch. Henry viii. was particularly fond of Archery, and commissioned in 1537 Sir Christopher Morris, Master of the Ordnance, to revive the amusement, which at that time was rather drooping, by establishing a Society of Archers, which was called "The Fraternity or Guylde of St. George,"* which obtained from the King many privileges; they were constituted "Overseers of the Scyence of Artyllery, that ys, to wyt, for Long-bowes, Cross-bowes, and Hand-gunes,"

The Archers of St. George used to assemble in Lolesworth or Spital-fields, and the name of their place of exercise at this spot was "Teasel-close," so called from the thistles with which it abounded.

* This ancient Fraternity of St. George must not be supposed to be represented by an Archery Society bearing the same name, and existing not many years ago at St. John's Wood.

The Hon. Artillery Company had its origin about 1585, when London being wearied with continual musters, a number of its gallant Citizens who had served abroad with credit, voluntarily exercised themselves and trained others to the ready use of War; the Ground they used was at the North East extremity of the City, nigh Bishopsgate, the same which had before been occupied by the above mentioned Fraternity of Artillery. Fort Street, Artillery Street and Lane adjoin Spital Square, and by their names identify the spot. Within 2 years there were near 300 Merchants and others sufficiently skilled to train common Soldiers, and in 1588 some of them had commissions in the Camp at Tilbury, but their associations soon after fell into decay; yet as the Company has never since its first creation been altogether extinct, it is at present the earliest representative of the English Standing Army. From the Company's Register, the only book they saved in the Civil Wars, it appears that the Association was revived in 1611, by warrant from the Privy Council, and the Volunteers soon amounted to 6,000; Three Years after this they made a general muster, when according to contemporary authority the men were better armed than disciplined, (Niccoll's London Artillerie, p. 104). In 1622 they erected an Armoury, towards which the Chamber of London gave £300, it was furnished with 500 sets of Arms of extraordinary beauty, which were all lost in the Civil Wars. Their Captain during a part of those affrighted times was a Mr. Manby who irrevocably detained for his own purposes the Arms, Plate, Money, Books, and other Goods of the Company; the Protector was in vain solicited to enforce their being restored. In 1640 they quitted their old field of discipline and entered upon the plot of ground they now occupy in Bunhill Fields, leased to them by the City. This ground is described as a parcel of ground consisting of Gardens, Orchards, &c., situate on the North side of Chiswell Street, and called by the name of Bunhill Fields, which was in 1498 converted into a spacious Field for the use of the London Archers, which is now known by the

name of the Artillery Ground. For many years they kept up an Archery Division, Archery being the Art cultivated by the Company in their earliest days, when the Bow was an instrument of War. In the course of time this Division was abolished, but Archery was still kept alive in the neighbourhood of London, by the Finsbury Archers; even this remnant of Archery had almost died out when the few survivors joined Sir Ashton Lever in starting the Toxophilite Society in 1781. Some years later the Members of the Artillery Company appear to have resumed the Bow, as they occupied 2 pairs of Targets at the Grand Meeting of Archery Societies on Blackheath, in 1792, and the Toxophilite Society in its earlier years, mostly held their principal Meetings in the Company's Grounds. But the Finsbury Archers have never re-appeared, and the Archers division of the Hon. Artillery Company has also become merged into the Royal Toxophilite Society.

In 1682 there was a most magnificent Cavalcade and Entertainment given by the Archers of Finsbury, Charles II. being present. So lately as 1753 Targets were erected in Finsbury-Fields during the Easter and Whitsun Holydays, when the best Shooter was styled Captain, for the ensuing year, and the second, Lieutenant.

For many years previous to the Institution of the Toxophilite Society, there were but few Finsbury Archers surviving; the most celebrated and vigorous of the survivors, W. P. Constable, brought with him the valuables of the expiring Society into the then infant Society, and those valuables hereafter to be more fully described form one of the most interesting links between Archery of ancient and modern times.

It is stated that about 1776 Mr.* Waring (Father of the well known Bowyer of Caroline Street, Bedford Square,*) who has always been regarded as the Father

* Mr Waring has long retired from business, but still resides in Caroline Street, and though advanced in years, enjoys a green

of modern Archery, being then resident with Sir Ashton Lever, Kt., in Leicester House, and having by continued application to business contracted an affection upon his chest which the Doctors could not relieve, resolved to try the effect of Archery. He commenced, and continued the practice regularly, and ascribed his cure, which was perfect, solely to the use of the Bow.

Sir Ashton Lever, himself observing from the good effects produced upon Mr. Waring, the healthy nature of Archery as an exercise, and its strengthening influence on the constitution, also adopted the use of the Bow. He was soon joined by several friends who formed themselves into a Society under the Title of the TOXOPHILITE SOCIETY. They met constantly to practise Archery on the Lawn at the back of Leicester House. Here Butts were erected, but the space being limited in range,† the Society's principal Meetings and Prize Days were held on other Grounds of larger extent, such as Cannonbury House, Islington ; Highbury Barn ; but principally the Artillery Ground, before mentioned. The Society appears to have been constituted from the first after the model of the Hon. Artillery Company, having a President, Sir. Ashton Lever, himself; a Vice-President, Mr. R. Haworth, who it is believed, himself belonged to the Hon. Artillery Company; a Chaplain, the Rev. W. Watts; a Treasurer, Mr. Thos. Waring; a Captain;

old age and interests himself in Parochial affairs. Mr. Waring, Senr., subscribed to the Hon. Artillery Company down to the year 1804, and at the dissolution of the Archers' Division, became possessed of, amongst other things, two large handsome China Punch Bowls, two large Jugs, and two Drinking Cups, all to match, and ornamented with the Arms of the Archers' Division, these are now in Caroline Street.

† The Gardens behind Leicester House (now better known as Savile House) extended to the back of Gerard Street, Lisle Street not being then in existence, and several Noblemen residing in Gerard Street were allowed to have private entrances into the Gardens; there was space for three pairs of Targets. Mr. Waring, Senr., was the last tenant of Leicester House, leaving it in 1791.

a Lieutenant, and other Members. This Society which numbered but few Members, at first about 14, used also to hold convivial Meetings in Leicester House, or, when their numbers were too considerable, at the London Tavern, or Freemason's Tavern, or some such other place of entertainment.

Out of this small begining arose in a very few years the Royal Toxophilite Society, whose first Patron was H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales.

The Society at one time numbered about 170 Members, and became the parent of many other Societies, some of which have like the Woodmen of Arden survived with high repute up to the present day, but many died out again owing to the more serious employment of men during the Peninsular War, which during the period between 1800 and 1820 brought the Royal Toxophilite Society also down to a very small number again. It is but fair to mention that some of the Societies claim equal antiquity in uninterrupted succession, as for instance the Royal Company of Archers, of Edinburgh, who date back to the time of James II. of Scotland, and are now about 500 strong ; the Kilwinning Papingo celebrated their 384th Anniversary in 1866 ; the ancient Yorkshire Arrow Meeting was instituted in 1673, and has been held without interruption ever since ; the Woodmen of Arden revived in 1785 ; but some of these Societies have held so closely to the models of antiquity that in these Days of 'YORK ROUNDS' modern Archers scarcely know whether they be Archers or not.

PATRONS.

1787, H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales.
His Majesty King William IV.
H. R. H. the Prince Consort.

LADY PATRONESSES.

1789, The Right Hon. Lady Jane James.
1801, Mrs. Crespigny, (afterwards Lady DeCrespigny.)

PRESIDENTS.

1781, Sir Ashton Lever, Kt.
1788, The Right Hon. Heneage, 4th Earl of Aylesford.
1788, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk.
1789, His Grace the Duke of Leeds.
1797, His Grace Francis, Duke of Bedford.
1802, His Grace John. Duke of Bedford.
1830 The Right Hon. Heneage, 5th Earl of Aylesford.
1850, The Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley.

SECRETARIES & HON. SECRETARIES.

1781, Mr. Wheeler was Secretary, but was obliged to resign, and Mr. P. Constable, Junr., was appointed Hon. Secretary.
1783, Mr. Charles Scott, Hon. Secretary.
From 1781 to 1804 Mr. Waring managed the affairs of the Society as Secretary and Treasurer.
1804. Mr. Thomas Roberts, (Author of the English Bowman.)
1807, Mr. Swynfen Jervis, H. S.
1814, Mr. J. R. Arnold, H. S.

HON. SECRETARIES, (CONTINUED).

1819, The Hon. Daniel Finch. H. S.
1829, Mr. R. N. Gresley, H. S.
1837, Mr. Alex. Glen Finlaison, H. S.
1843, Mr. J. Green Wilkinson, H. S.
1849, Mr. H. Lysons Price, H. S.
1852, The Rev. O. Luard, H. S.
1853, Mr. Money Wigram, Junr., H. S.
1856, Mr. S. G. R. Strong, H. S.
1858, Captain E. Boggis, (now Boggis-Rolfe,) H. S.
1862, The Rev. W. J. Richardson, H. S.
1865, Mr. W. Butt, H. S.

TREASURERS.

1781, Mr. Waring.
1810, Mr. Francis Barker.
1814, Mr. Arthur R. Barker.
1829, The Hon. Daniel Finch.
1866, Mr. James Spedding.



JN the first year, 1781, the Subscription appears to have been 42s., and a further contribution of 25s. for Stock, &c., was paid by most of the Members; Income £48 4s.; Expenses £44 2s.; the Annual Target was shot at Cannonbury House, Islington.

1782. The Easter, Whitsun, and Annual Target Days were held at Highbury; Members 17; Hon. Members 2, the Hon. Daines Barrington, and General Oglethorpe; the Subscription 21s.; Income £43 5s.; Expenses £31 7s. 6d.

1783. The Easter, Whitsun, and Annual Target Days were held at Highbury Barn; Members 19; Subscription 21s.; Income £42 18s. 9d.; Expenses £55 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. In this year Chas. Stott was Hon. Secretary.

1784. The Easter Target Day was held at Vauxhall, the Whitsun Target at Cannonbury House, and the Annual Target Day in the Hon Artillery Company's Grounds; Members 27; Subscription 63s.; Income £54 12s.; Expenses £53.5s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

1785. The Easter, Whitsun, and Annual Target Days were held in the Artillery Ground; Members 36; Subscription 63s.; Income £98 3s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Expenses £98 14s. 9d.

1786. The Shooting was still at the Artillery Grounds; Members 58; Subscription 63s.; Income £175 2s.; Expenses £184 9s. 8. The Society possessed the freedom of the Royal Company of Archers of Scotland. (Vide p. .)

1787. On June 18th, H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales, became the Patron ; Members 67 ; Subscription 63s. ; Entrance Fee 21s. ; Income £208 1s. 8d. ; Expenses £197 7s. 11. The Shooting on the 3 Target Days was still at the Artillery Grounds. The Society possessed the freedom of the Woodmen of Arden.

1788. Sir Ashton Lever died, and the Earl of Aylesford, who had become a Member in 1784, was elected President ; he was shortly succeeded by the Duke of Norfolk, who had become a Member in April previous ; the Shooting was still at the Artillery Grounds ; Income £324 16s. 1d. ; Expenses £240 12s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

1789. The Duke of Leeds was elected May 18th, 1789, and succeeded the Duke of Norfolk, as President, and held the office till October 6th, 1797 ; the Society possessed the freedom of the Kentish Bowmen, Dartford Heath, Kent. Previous to this period the Honors and Prizes on the Target Days had all gone to the Captains and Lieutenants of Targets, i.e. the maker of the best and second best hit, and the Officers held Challenge Jewels, presented by W. Haworth ; a Medal for the Captain of Numbers, presented by Geo. Biggin, (a Member in 1786-7-8) ; and another for the Lieutenant of Numbers, presented by the Hon. H. W. Fitzroy, (a Member in 1786-7-8-9), were added to the Valuables belonging to the Society. It seems by a list dated 1785 that Jewels for the President and Vice-President had been presented by Charles Sherwin, (Member in 1782 to 7) ; these Ornaments, it is feared, are now lost. The Spring and Annual Target Days were held on Lord's Cricket Ground ; the Prince's and Lady Patroness's Targets on the Artillery Grounds. Lady Jane James became the Lady Patroness in this year. Income £406 15s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; Expenses £361 11s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

The following Letter will explain the origin of the Lady Patroness's Target:—

“ Madam,

I am directed by the Toxophilite Society to offer to your Ladyship their sincere thanks for the Honor which your Ladyship has proposed to confer on them, by presenting to them an honorary Badge or some other mark of distinction; your Ladyship has been pleased to desire that the Toxophilite Society would suggest what particular mark of distinction they would wish to receive, but as they cannot presume to dictate to your Ladyship, they request that your Ladyship will have the goodness to fix on that which will be most agreeable to yourself.

If it should suit with your Ladyship's approbation, the Toxophilite Society will Shoot a Target in the Artillery Ground on Saturday the 31st instant, on which day the Toxophilites who shall shoot his Arrow nearest the centre of the Target will be declared the Captain, and shall have the Honor of receiving the mark of distinction which will be given by your Ladyship.

It is the intention of the Toxophilite Society to have a Target called the Target of the Lady Patroness, to be shot in future on such day in the year as your Ladyship shall be pleased to appoint, at which Target, your Ladyship's present will be Annually transferred to the Toxophilite who shall be declared the Captain.

I have the Honor to be
Your Ladyship's most obedient and very humble Servant,

Wm. ROUTH,

Assistant Secy. to Tox. Soc.

Tox. Hall,
Leicester House.

Lady James, Lady Patroness of the Tox. Soc.

The Right Hon. Lady Jane James, was 5th and youngest Daughter of Charles Pratt, 1st Earl Camden, and married in 1780 Walter James, Esq., created a Baronet in 1791. The Lady Jane James died in 1825. The Lady Jane James became Lady Patroness in 1789, and was succeeded by Mrs. Crespiigny.

1790. 21s. was paid to Mrs. Smith for her Drawing of a Bugle, presented by the Lady Patroness, Lady Jane James; this Drawing is often mentioned in the Records, but is now lost. It is mentioned that £21 was paid for one year's rent of residence at Leicester House. The four Target Days were again shot in the Artillery Grounds. Members 146; Subscription 63s.; Entrance Fee 21s.; Income £543 7s.; Expenses £340 5s. 7d.

1791. Members 168; Subscription still 63s.; but the Entrance Fee 63s.; Income £886 16s. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Expenses £739 14s. 4 $\frac{5}{4}$ d. The Shooting now all took place in the Society's Grounds, rented from the Duke of Bedford at £80 per annum; and £50 was annually paid for the Rooms and Cellars in Charlotte Street.

1792. The Prince of Wales' first annual Prize was shot for August 14th, and won by Mr. Glen. There were 2 Dinners at the London Tavern, costing £53 and £56; also one at the Freemason's Tavern, costing £34. A large Drum was bought for £5 15s. 6d.; also Clothing for the Musicians. Members 147; Income £693 15s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Expenses £670 8s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

1793. A Grand Meeting of all the Archery Societies took place on Blackheath, July 2nd, Luncheon Bill £18 3s. 6d. 763 loads of Rubbish at 4d. per cart, were bought, probably for levelling the Shooting Ground. The value of the Prizes on the 4 Target Days was, the Spring Target £27 3s.; the Annual or Summer Target £30 11s. 6d.; the Lady Patroness's Target £28 12s. 6d. the Prince's or Autumn Target £30 11s. 6d. Members

128; Income £673 0s. 9d.; Expenses £626 1s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. An extra call of 42s. was made from each Member. At the Prince's or Autumn Target, August 6th, the principal Scores were Mr. Glen 61—64s. 6d.; Mr. Cazalet 50—62s. 6d.; Mr. Elwin 49—55s. 6d.; Mr. Glen shot with a Rest and therefore did not claim the Prize as Captain of Numbers, but it does not mention that he declined the 64s. 6d. Members 75; Income £305 10s. 11.; Expenses £294 11s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

1794. Mahmoud Effendi was elected an Hon. Member. A general Annual Archery Meeting took place at Dulwich,* June 12th. By Cash paid for Luncheon at Dulwich £15 7s. The value of the Prizes at the Summer Target was £57 9s. 6d.; at the Lady Patroness's Target £46 7s.; at the Autumn Target £48 16s. 6d.; Members 111; Income £603 7s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Expenses £558 6s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Annual or Summer Target, June 9th, 1794.—

No. 1.	Score.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Bullock - - -	42	—	2	7 0
„ Rickards, Lieut. of Target	82	—	4	8 0
„ Girdlestone - - -	35	—	2	0 0
„ Perrott - - -	50	—	2	15 6
„ Vincent - - -	20	—	1	3 6
		£	12	14 0

No. 2.	Score.	£	s.	d.
Doctor Ainslie - - -	—	—		
Mr. Shepheard - - -	47	—	2	11 0
„ Palmer, Cap. of Numbers	104	—	6	6 6
„ Martin - - -	39	—	2	9 0
„ Hughes - - -	21	—	1	7 0
„ Kenyon - - -	37	—	2	0 6
		£	14	14 0

* Perhaps the Silver Gilt Star now worn on the Hon. Secretary's Ribbon of Office, was won by the Toxophilites for their Society on this occasion.

No. 3.	Score.	£	s.	d.
Duke of Leeds, President	-	—		
Mr. Elwin	86	—	5	5 6
„ Cazalet	58	—	3	7 6
„ Tward	77	—	4	9 0
„ Waring	59	—	3	5 0
„ Moorhouse	14	—	0	13 6
		£	17	0 6
No. 4.	Score.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Haworth, V. P.	-	—		
„ Glen, Lieut. of Numbers	98	—	5	15 0
„ Cowper, Cap. of Target	60	—	3	12 6
„ Hussard	36	—	2	6 0
„ Crunden	8	—	0	9 0
„ Horton	15	—	0	18 6
		£	13	1 0
Total		£	57	9 6

57 Double Ends. 228 Arrows.

Mr. Crunden's Shooting on this day does not shine much, though he joined the Society in 1788, his name appears only 3 times in the Shooting Lists previous to this occasion, viz:—once in 1791, and twice in 1792.

The Scoring by Money Prizes disappears from the Records of the Society after this Year; and there appears to have been more Shooting, though the Society had become so much smaller.

The method of Scoring by value of Prizes may be thus explained: each hit in the Gold counted, 2s. 6d.; Red, 2s.; inner White or Blue, 1s. 6d.; Black, 1s.; outer White, 6d.; and the amount thus scored for each Shooter during the day, was paid to him out of the Society's Funds. No wonder they shot so many Arrows, when they were paid so well for shooting. This system

is still in use in the "Woodmen of Arden," and may account for their otherwise unaccountable partiality for impossible distances, as it must be evident that the less the Targets get hit, the more prosperous is the financial position of the Society.

1795. Members 93; Income £675 17s. 6d.; Expenses £682 9s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. It now became necessary to borrow £200 from 20 of the Members, (£10 each) which was never repaid; they were Swynfen Jervis, T. Green, E. Baber, — Kenyon, R. Haworth, E. W. Shepheard, — Bullock, W. Barlow, J. Topham, P. Cazalet, T. Palmer, T. Waring, S. Girdlestone, J. Crunden, R. Troward, C. Wheeler, J. Brady, F. Newberry, W. Cowper, and W. Moorhouse; most of the above were Vice-Presidents at different periods.

1796. Members 75; Income £305 10s. 11d.; Expenses £294 0s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

1797. Members 59; an extra call was made of 63s. from each Member; Income £325 17s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Expenses £283 12s. 2d.

1798. The Annual Subscription was raised to £5 5s., and an extra call of 89s. was made from each Member; 3 years' arrears of Rent were cleared off, and there appears to have been Money raised by a Sale held in the course of the year. Members 31; Income £414 16s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; £136 10s.; Expenses £401 16s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; £96 3s.

1799. Subscription £5 5s.; Entrance Fee 21s.; Members 30; Income £235 2s. 5d.; Expenses £188 1s. 4d.

1800. Members 25; Income £242 14s. 7d.; Expenses £188 7s. 10d.

1801. Members 25; Income 241 0s. 2d.; Expenses £210 13s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

The following is a copy of Mrs. Crespigny's Letter, accepting the office of Lady Patroness:—

Sir,

I must beg that you will assure the Toxophilite Society that I think myself highly flattered by the offer made me of being their Patroness. You will be pleased to add that I shall receive such a mark of distinction with a due sense of the Honor done me. With my sincere good wishes for the prosperity of your respectable Society, and my best thanks for the very polite manner in which you have communicated the request,

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

MARY CHAMPION CRESPIGNY.

Champion Lodge, May 1st, 1801.

1802. Members 30; Income £244 14s. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Expenses £221 8s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

1803. Members rather above 30; 14 Members contributed each £6 6s. extra; Income £261 12s. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Expenses £271 18s.

1804. Number of Members unknown; Income £277 18s. 2d.; Expenses £245 19s. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

1805. The Society lost their Grounds at Bedford Square and there are no further Records extant showing the strength of the Society, the Income, or Expenditure, for many years subsequent to this date.

The Records of the Shooting end with 1804.

Annual or Summer Target, June 13th, 1810.—

Resolved, that the two Bows presented by R. Haworth, Esq., be shot for on Wednesday, 27th inst. ; the Captain of Numbers to have his choice, the other to be as a Prize for the Captain of Target. That the Secretary be desired to write to Mr. Haworth thanking him for his present, and inviting him to Dinner at half-past Three o'clock.

Wednesday, 27th. No Medals given up, none therefore presented. Mr. Crunden as Captain of Numbers had his choice of the said Bows ; Mr. Cazalet as Captain of Target had the remaining Bow.

Winter Meeting, Freemason's Tavern, Monday, February 18th, 1811.—

The Treasurer's Accounts were Audited, and the balance in favour of the Society appears to be £16 10s.

It was unanimously resolved that at the Public Target days, which the Secretary is requested to fix with Mr. Willoughby, any day nearest the 9th of the month, that the Dinner be a cold one, and on the Table at 3 o'clock precisely.

Summer Target, Highbury, June 10th, 1812.—

Sir Henry Martin read a Letter he had received from our Lady Patroness, (Lady DeCrespigny), wherein she informed him that she had ordered a Silver Goblet, for the best shot in the day's shooting, and a Medal for the Captain of Numbers ; the day to be fixed by the Society.

The Members present settled that the same should be shot for at the next Target Day, the 8th July, to be shot at Mr. Willoughby's, Highbury Barn, (notices to the Members to be sent as soon as possible), also to mention that the Goblet and Medal are ready, and may be seen at Hamlet's, Silversmith, Princes Street, Coventry Street. The Shooting to begin at two, to dine at four o'clock, to commence at six and conclude at eight.

Lady Patroness's Target, Highbury, July 8th, 1812.—

Sir H. Martin brought with him the Prizes presented to the Society by Lady DeCrespigny, viz.: a Silver Goblet and Silver Medal. The Prizes of the day belonging to the Society, viz.; the Silver Bugle is in the possession of Mr. Crunden, the Horn Bugle in Mr. Secretary Jervis's.

On the close of the Shooting Sir. H. Martin was declared Cap. of Target, and Cap. of Numbers (24), but as it was previously understood that one Member could not carry away the two Prizes, but must make his selection, Sir H. Martin, as Cap. of Target, claimed the Silver Cup, and Mr. Baber being Lieut. of Numbers (22) was presented with the Silver Medal, for Numbers. The Secretary was requested to write a letter to Lady DeCrespigny thanking her for the honour she has done the Society, and acquainting her with the event of the day's Shooting.

Sir H. Martin, Cap. }
Swynfen Jervis, Lieut. } of Target.

Sir H. Martin, Cap. of Numbers, 24.
E. Baber, Lieut. of ditto, 22.

Sir H. Martin, 24; Baber, 22; Roberts, 14;
Crunden, 14; Girdlestone, 14; Jervis, 9; Palmer, 6;
A. Barker, 3.

38 double ends, or 152 Arrows Shot.

Toxophilite Winter Meeting, Freemason's Tavern,
February 20th. 1815.—

In consequence of the low state of the Society's Funds, it was proposed that the annual sum of 5 Guineas paid to Mr. Waring be discontinued at the expiration of the present year, of which notice shall be given by the Secretary; and that the Treasurer be requested to take charge of the Society's Property, now under Mr. Waring's care, should Mr. W. object to keep it. Moved, that the Medals belonging to the Society be collected.

Toxophilite Winter Meeting, Freemason's Tavern,
February 28th, 1816.—

The three years being completed, the Gold Medal was presented to Mr. Jervis, as Cap. of Numbers; the Silver Medal* was left in the hands of the Treasurer, to be presented by him to Mr. Crunden, as Lieut. of Numbers.

Read a letter from Mr. Waring, respecting his new Archery Ground.

Resolved, that the Secretary do answer the letter.

It being necessary to ascertain the exact number of actual Members of the Society,

Resolved, that those Gentlemen whose Subscriptions are in arrear be requested to inform the Secretary whether they consider themselves Members of the Society, and intend to pay their arrears.

That it is proper to ascertain in whose hands the Annual Prize Medals are, and that the Treasurer be desired to make enquiry thereon, and report accordingly.

Toxophilite Winter Meeting, Freemason's Tavern,
February 24th, 1817.—

Resolved, that other Gentlemen than these, The Duke

* This now forms part of the 'CRUNDEN CUP.'

of Bedford, President; Thos. Palmer, Fras. Newberry, John Crunden, Sir H. Martin, Bart., Vice-Presidents; Swynfen Jervis, E. W. Shepheard, Thos. Roberts, Ed. Baber, J. R. Arnold, C. Willson, Sam. Hurd, S. Jervis, Junr., A. R. Barker, Hon. D. Finch, Jas. Evans, be considered as having virtually or actually resigned.

That the Treasurer do pay one Guinea for each of Target Dinners, out of the Funds.

Toxophilite Winter Meeting, Freemason's Tavern, February 20th, 1818.—

Resolved, that the Die for the Archer's Button being lost, the Treasurer do procure a new one, with the motto **CENTRUM PETE**, and the new Die do remain in his care for the use of the Society.

Lady Patroness's Target, Highbury, June 5th, 1818.—

Present, Messrs. Roberts, Jervis, Shepheard, Crunden, Finch, Barker, C. Arnold.

Woodmen of Arden:—Lord Aylesford, Messrs. Palmer, Hudson, Legge, Adams, Shirley.

Memorandum of Shooting:—Roberts, 27; Jervis, 23; Shepheard, 12; Crunden, 14; C. Arnold, 11; Barker, 10. Aylesford, 16; Palmer, 16; Hudson, 13; Legge, 7; Adams, 25; Shirley, 1; Finch, 23; 48 ends.

Barker, Cap. of Target; Crunden, Lieut. ditto; Roberts, (27) Capt. of Numbers.

This day's Shooting was a Match between the Woodmen of Arden, and the Toxophilites; the Arden gained by 4 Arrows.

Toxophilite Anniversary, Freemason's Tavern, April 20th, 1820.—

Resolved, that there be a Meeting of the Society on 4th May, to take into consideration the means of procuring a ground for Archery, the House at Highbury being shut up.

That in future no money should be advanced by the Treasurer towards paying for the Dinner, on the Target Days.

The Meeting 4th May, at the Clarendon Hotel.—

Resolved, that if possible leave should be obtained to shoot our Targets this year on Lord's Cricket Ground, paying not more than 3 Guineas each day.

Memorandum.—Mr. Lord accepted these terms.

Toxophilite Meeting at the Freemason's Tavern, November 14th, 1820.—

Resolved, that it was expedient to treat with Mr. Waring for the use of his Archery Ground, provided that the agreement be determinate by the Society on giving 6 months notice.

That the following Members be appointed a Committee for the purpose of making an agreement with Mr. Waring, and providing that the ground if taken, be put into proper order for Shooting:—Messrs. Crunden, Bolt, Briscoe, Hudson, Finch.

That the Subscription for the ensuing year should be £6 each Member, that it should be paid on or before the Anniversary, and that after that day Mr. Waring be appointed to collect the arrears.

Winter Meeting at the Freemason's Tavern, February 13th, 1821.—

It was agreed, that the proceedings of the Committee with respect to the taking and the improving of the Archery Ground at Bayswater, subject however to the future revision of the expenses incurred, be approved of.

It was resolved, that the Treasurer should get the Property of the Society from Mr. Waring, and that the Treasurer and Secretary should get the Prizes belonging to the Society from the different persons in whose hands they are.

Extra Target, May 18th, 1821.—

Resolved that it be referred to Messrs. D. Finch, Crunden, Jervis, Briscoe, and Nixon, to revise the laws,* and report thereon.

That the Freedom of the Society be offered to the Society of Ancient Britons.

Summer Target, May 25th.—

Resolved, that the Secretary should draw up an address to His Majesty to request that he will continue his favor to the Society, which he had before shewn as Prince of Wales.

Lady Patroness's Target, June 8th.—

The Freedom of the Society was granted to the Ancient Britons.

Second Target, May 27th, 1836.

Resolved, that a Subscription of £1 each be opened for placing the Arms of the Patron, the President, &c., in the Western Window of the Hall.

* The Laws of the Royal Toxophilite Society were Printed in this same year by Messrs. Rowe and Waller, 49, Fleet Street.

Extra Target, June 17th.—

A Silver Cup,† presented by Mr. Robert Quarne, was shot for at the 100 yards, and won by J. Norton, F. C.

King's Target, July 1st.—

48 ends were shot at the usual distances, and the same sized Targets as last year. The Claret Jug was won by Captain Norton, and the second Prize by Col. Powell. Nearly 1000 visitors attended, and the ceremonies, the same as on former occasions.

August 5th.—

The Bows and Arrows of the late Mr. Bolt were Sold by Auction; and a Match was shot between the Snuff-takers, and the Non-Snuff-takers of the Society, for a Snuff-box, which was won by R. N. Gresley, Esq., Hon. Secretary.

March 17th, 1840.—

Resolved, that a petition should be drawn up, the Treasurer requesting that H. R. H. Prince Albert will do the Society the honor of becoming their Patron.

That the Treasurer make an appointment with the Treasurer of the Prince's Household, for presenting the petition.

April 4th.—

The Treasurer reported the proceedings which he had himself taken on the subject of the Patronage of H. R. H. Prince Albert, and further, that accompanied by Sir F. Shuckburgh, and Mr. G. Wilkinson he had placed in the hands of the Hon. G. Anson, Treasurer of H. R. H's. Household, a Memorandum, setting forth

† This Cup has been lately presented by Cap. Norton, as a Challenge Cup, to be shot for annually, in Dublin, on the day following the GRAND LEINSTER Meeting; 144 Arrows at 100 yards, not to be won, until held by the same Archer for 3 successive years.

the Establishment of the Society, and the illustrious Patronage with which it had formerly been distinguished ; and that in consequence thereof he had been favored with the following communication.—

Buckingham Palace,
March 30th, 1840.

My dear Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that I have submitted the Memorandum which you placed in my hands from the President and Members of the Toxophilite Society, to His Royal Highness Prince Albert, and have received His Royal Highness's commands to inform you that he has much pleasure in allowing this Society to make use of his name as its Patron ; His Royal Highness the more readily accedes to your proposition as this Society has so long been distinguished by the Patronage of the Royal Family.

I remain, my dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

G. E. ANSON.

The Hon. D. Finch.

The foregoing having been read to the Committee, it was resolved that a letter to the undermentioned effect should be written by the Treasurer to Mr. Anson, to be accompanied by a copy of the Rules, handsomely bound.—

Archers' Lodge.

My dear Sir,

The President and Members of the Toxophilite Society beg leave to return you their best thanks for your obliging communication that H. R. H. Prince Albert will permit the Society to make use of his name as its Patron ; and they request that you will favour them by taking an opportunity of conveying to H. R. H. their deep sense of the Honour conferred on them. They beg leave to transmit to you, for the information of H. R. H. many points connected with the Society, a

list of the present Members, a copy of the Rules and Regulations, and a Card of the days of meeting for the ensuing year. If H. R. H. should be pleased at any time to wish to visit the Archery Ground and see the Shooting, the Society would feel highly gratified by altering any of the regular days of meeting to suit the convenience of H. R. H.

I am, yours faithfully,

DAN. FINCH,

Treasurer.

Committee, April 25th, 1845.—

The Secretary stated that he had made an application to the Commissioners of the Woods and Forests, to have the Water cleared out, and that they had immediately very handsomely acceded to the request, and that 150 loads of Mud had been carted away.



¶ F the various Societies existing in 1790, it appears that no one of them signalised itself more, upon all occasions than that of the Toxophilites, who at the Grand Meeting of the Societies of Archers, at Blackheath, on May 29th, 1792, bore off the best Prize; at this time H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales, was Patron; His Grace, the Duke of Leeds, President; and the Right Hon. Lady Jane James, Lady Patroness. It's Members, as well as those of other Societies, formed a brilliant assemblage of the Nobility and Gentry of the land, and it must certainly be considered no small favor conferred upon Archery at that period, that the Heir apparent to the British Throne, and many of the Nobility patronised its revival.

At that Meeting, on Blackheath, the weather was beautiful, and the novelty of the scene attracted an immense number of spectators. The Tents of the various Societies were pitched in a line fronting the South, and fourteen pairs of Targets were fixed opposite, 100 yards apart.

The scene was a truly magnificent one. In beautiful contrast with the gay green-sward, appeared numerous snow-white Tents, above which floated banners and other emblematical devices of the different Societies. Busy groups of Bowmen in their picturesque uniforms, tens of thousands of Spectators, attired in that beautiful costume which the Inhabitants of the Metropolis never fail to exhibit on a gala day, bursts of martial Music floating through the air, must have formed a scene equally novel and picturesque, and most gratifying to the Toxophilite Society, to which was owing the origin of the Meeting.

The following was the Programme issued by authority of the stewards:—

GENERAL ORDERS.

At 11 o'clock, the leaders of the Targets are to arrange the Archers to shoot at their respective marks, and to set down their names.

No greater number than 10 to shoot any one pair of Targets.

Two Arrows to be shot at each end.

Two Target Papers to be kept at each Target.

At 12, the Shooters to form a line in front of the Tents, in the order of shooting. The signal for forming the line, to be a march of the music, playing the whole length of the Tents. The line being formed, the command, to face to the right and march, to be given by three strokes of the Kettle-drums.

The different Societies will then proceed to their respective Targets, and begin shooting when the music ceases. The leader of each Target to advance 10 paces when his party has done shooting, and proceed to the opposite Target, on hearing the bands, which will continue playing until the shooting recommences.

At three, Refreshments to be taken into the Tents.

The signal to go into the Tents will be, by the music halting in the centre of the ground, until the Arrows are collected; when each Society will fall into its own station. The line will then be formed, and the Archers are to march back to their respective Tents, the same signal being used as for the march to the Targets.

At half-past three, the re-opening of the Targets will be announced, by a repetition of the signals before used.

At six, the shooting will cease, by the same signal as before used for going to refresh; the whole line to halt in front of the Tents, while the Stewards collect the target papers; the Archers are then to be dismissed, and proceed to dinner. Tickets to be collected at the door of the dining-room, and the Societies to be seated according to seniority, the Stewards making the arrangements.

The exploits of the day, taken as a whole, stand high in the annals of modern Archery. Amongst the Nobility present, Lord Aylesford distinguished himself by some very close shooting; Mr. Anderson won two Prizes, as Captain of Numbers, and Lieutenant of the Target; Mr. R. Glen won one as Lieutenant of Numbers. The Captain of the Target was a Woodman of Arden. Mr. Anderson,* had 33 hits; Mr. Glen, 24; on every former occasion the highest number was 21. Mr. Anderson belonged to the Fraternity of St. George, and was considered one of the best shots in England. In 1795, shooting with the Woodmen of Arden, he gained a Captaincy of Numbers; he never declined a challenge, and rarely failed to win.

* Mr Ford in his admirable Work on Archery, 1856, at page 110, mentions 2 of Mr. Anderson's scores: 37 hits, 137 score, and 46 hits, and 182 score; but has overlooked the following, made on July 9th, 1795: 66 hits. On this occasion Mr. Palmer had 67, Cazalet 65. Mr. Anderson appears only 3 times on the Society's Records, as a visitor: July 9th, 1795; June 1st, 1796; October 14th, 1797.

NOTE.—From the following entry in the Society's Records, it appears there must have been a Meeting at Blackheath, in 1790:—

May 18th, 1790, by 2 Targets and additional Cards compleat, for Blackheath, at 84s.—£8 8s. Sewing on Targets, Lettering, &c., 8s.

There are also these entries:—May 26th, 1792, Cash paid, Blackheath, Waiter, 5s. July 2nd, 1793, by Cash paid Mr. Walker, Blackheath, Luncheon, £18 3s. 6d.

WHEN H. R. H. the Prince of Wales became Patron, the Society assumed the title of Royal, by which they have ever since been distinguished.

In the various Challenges* from contemporary Societies which they received, they were generally victorious, though in some instances they were unsuccessful.

Previous to 1840, viz: on June 5th, 1818, at Highbury Barn, where in a match between the Woodmen of Arden, and the Royal Toxophilite Society, the Woodmen were victorious, their numbers being 101, and those of the R. T. S. 97; and on August 5th, 1834, when in a contest with the West Berks Society, they lost by a small number of hits. At Blackheath, in 1792, they carried off the Gold Medal; at the second Meeting on Dulwich Common, when a Prize was given for the greatest number of hits made during the day, by five selected Members of any Society, the Royal Toxophilites won by 190 hits.

At Mr. Anderson's Grounds, near Highgate, the Popinjay Game was practised; the sport usually began by shooting at the Flemish Blazon, or square Target, somewhat larger than ours, its face being divided into 50 small squares, each marked as a blank or prize, the latter progressively increasing in value from 1 to 26.

* Extra Target, June 4th, 1841.—“Motion made by Mr. Hadow and seconded by Mr. Walford, to repeal or modify the Bye-law respecting the prohibition against accepting Challenges from other constituted Archery Societies, was taken into consideration, but after some discussion, was adjourned, *sine die*,” thus at the present time no Challenge can be accepted by the Society.

At a Meeting there in September, 1792, various Members of the Royal Toxophilites, Robin Hood's Bowmen, and Woodmen of Arden shot; the shooting lasted 3 hours, when J. Palmer, Esq., of the Woodmen, won the Medal for the central shot; and Dr. Haworth, a Royal Toxophilite, won that for the greatest number of Prizes. The figure of an Eagle fixed on a perch 140 ft. high, was also shot at for about an hour, affording much amusement from its novelty; at the expiration of that time, — Peacock, Esq., Robin Hood's Bowmen, shot it off the perch, and thereby won a Gold Medal.

After dining with his friends in the lodge, Mr. Anderson amused them with Fireworks, emblematical of the Archery of the day.

The elder Mr. Waring was seen to put 20 successive Arrows into a 4 ft. Target, shooting two at each end, at 100 yds. In one minute he shot 12 Arrows into a mark 2 ft. square, at 46 yds. Mr. Crunden, when father of the Royal Toxophilites, shooting 2 Arrows at each end, put 10 successive Arrows into a sheet of paper, 8 in. square, at 30 yds.; and once put 52 out of 100 Arrows into a 4 ft. Target, at 100 yds.; and lastly, two other Royal Toxophilites, Messrs. Troward, and H. Greene, have at the *same end* put both Arrows into an 8 inch square paper, at 120 yds.

In 1798 Mr. Troward shot on Moulsey Hurst, (an uncommonly level piece of ground, and when the wind was very still,) 17 score yards; this was not an accidental shot, but repeatedly done (both up and down the wind,) that same distance, and on that same day, in the presence of many of his brother Toxophilites, and this being done during a contest for a prize, each shot was measured with the greatest possible accuracy; the field having been previously staked out in *scores* and *half-scores*. Mr. Troward shot with a *Self-bow*, 63 lbs.; the Arrows were flight Arrows, 29 inches, and about 4s. in weight.

There is a Portrait in the Society's possession thus described, in 1805 :—"James Rawson, known by several Members of the Society to be the best Archer in his time." It is mentioned in 1788 as having been presented to the Society by Mr. Waring. Hargrove in his account of Lancashire and Cheshire, pub. 1792, gives a long account of the Rawsons.

Mr. James Rawson (about 1794) told Mr. Waring that he once shot, on ground very little declining in his favour, 18 score yards.

Mr. Rawson, whose father was one of three brothers famed for their skill in Archery, and lived in Lancashire, began Archery early in life, and was a very stout, middle sized man, and being a mans' shoemaker, had (in the exercise of his trade) increased the force and hardened the muscles of his arms to such a degree, that his power over the Bow was exceedingly great, as was his skill in its use ; from 18 to 60 he never refused a challenge, and was never known to have been beaten at *inches*.

The late Mr. Benjamin Poole declared to Mr. Waring that he had frequently shot an Arrow (nearly 5s.) 15 score and 10 yards, at the Finsbury lengths. Mr. P. Constable also said, an Archer in his time shot 17 score yards.

The Hon. Daines Barrington, an Hon. Member of the Society in 1782, writes thus, in 1783,—"of those who shot at the Targets, erected in the Finsbury Fields, in 1753, during the holidays, there are two now surviving, viz.: Mr. B. Poole, and Mr. P. Constable, who frequently became Captain and Lieutenant for the year ; the former is now rather aged and infirm, but the latter has been so obliging as to show me most of the marks in Finsbury Fields, as well as to communicate several anecdotes and observations relative to Archery."

Nr. Poole though not a Member of the Society, is often mentioned in the Records in 1781 and 1782, but not afterwards.

In the "*Aime for the Finsbury Archers*," most of the distances are from 12 to 16 score, and many from 16 to 18, and the greatest 19 score and 14 yards.

By a Target Book of the Finsbury Archers, kept for the year 1671, (in the possession of Mr. Haworth, the Toxophilite,) 11 score yards was the farthest distance shot by them, before the Archers began to draw in.

On October 29th, 1834, a display of Archery took place between the Royal Toxophilites, and the West Berks Club, for two valuable pieces of Plate. The first prize, a Claret Vase and Stand, was won by Edwin Meyrick, Esq., scoring 203, and 55 hits; the second, a Silver Inkstand, by Rev. E. Scott, for best gold.

In 1835, a Handicap, for a subscription piece of Plate, given by W. Merry, Esq., Hon. Sec., East Berks Club, took place at Benham Park, between the Royal Toxophilites, the East and West Berks Clubs, the Windsor Foresters, and the Welbourne and Clapton Archers; at 100 yds., 70 ends, 3 Arrows each. The result was,

— Marsh, Esq., Clapton, - 286—70 hits.
— Moore, Esq., West Berks, 285—75 ,

W. Peters, Esq., Royal Toxophilites, and E. Meyrick, Esq., West Berks, scored very near the above. The Prize given by Mr. Hughes, for most hits, was won by Mr. Moore. Contribution Gold Prize, by — Atwood, Esq., West Berks.

THE CRUNDEN CUP AND BUGLE.

IN former times the Royal Toxophilite Society used to meet on four principal occasions during each year,—called the Spring Target, the Summer or Annual Target, the Lady Patroness's Target, and the Autumn Target,—on these occasions the maker of the best and second best hits, became the Captain and Lieutenant of Targets, respectively; and the maker of the most and the next most hits, became the Captain of Numbers, and the Lieutenant of Numbers, respectively.

Once in three years one Gold and one Silver Medal, were given by the Society, in addition to other Prizes; on the Gold Medal was recorded the number of hits made by the Captain of Numbers, on each of these Target days; and on the Silver Medal, the number of hits made by the Lieutenant of Numbers; at the end of the third season the numbers of hits recorded on the Medals, for the different Captains and Lieutenants of Numbers were added up, and the Gold or Silver Medal became the property of the Captain or Lieutenant whose total proved the greatest.

Mr. John Crunden won the Gold Medal for 1798-9 and 1800, having been Captain on 11 out of 12 Target days; on the single occasion when he did not become Captain, that distinction was won by Mr. W. Palmer, with 79 hits, and this is the largest number of hits appearing on the Medals; on this occasion Mr. Crunden became Lieutenant, having made 68 hits; at this time 48 double ends of 4 Arrows, i.e. 182 Arrows were shot. Mr. Crunden won the next Gold Medal, that for 1801-2 and 3, having been Captain on 6 occasions, and having

been beaten by Mr. John Brady, three times; twice by Mr. Shepheard; and once by Mr. Thomas Palmer. Mr. Crunden won the Lieutenant's or Silver Medal in 1807, 8 and 9; the Gold or Captain's Medal in 1810, 11 and 12; and the Silver Medal in 1813, 14 and 15.

The following Lists (A) show the number of hits made by each of the Captains and Lieutenants, on some of the occasions where the number of hits appears very small, the full number of Arrows (182) could not be shot, on account of the badness of the weather. The names and figures are arranged so as to radiate towards the centres of the Medals.

(A) On the 1st, Gold Medal, are inserted—

1798, W. Palmer, 79; J. Crunden, 70; J. Crunden, 63; J. Crunden, 64.
1799, J. Crunden, 57; J. Crunden, 67; J. Crunden, 64; J. Crunden, 45.
1800, J. Crunden, 62; J. Crunden, 68; J. Crunden, 56; J. Crunden, 54.

On the 2nd, Gold Medal,—

1801, J. Brady, 54; J. Brady, 44; E. W. Shepheard, 49; J. Crunden, 63.
1802, J. Crunden, 43; E. W. Shepheard, 42; J. Palmer, 48; J. Crunden, 64.
1803, J. Crunden, 66; J. Crunden, 62; J. Crunden, Capt., 66; J. Brady, 55.

On the 3rd, Silver Medal,—

1807, Fras. Barker, 24; Peter Cazalet, 23; J. Crunden, 39; J. Crunden, 16.
1808, Fras. Barker, 14; S. Jervis, 9; J. Crunden, 32; Thos. Roberts, 29.
1809, J. Crunden, 13; P. Cazalet, 13; J. Crunden, 29.

On the 4th, Gold Medal,—

1810, J. Crunden, (May,) 37; J. Crunden, (June,) 25; J. Crunden, (July,) 26; E. W. Shepheard, (Aug.,) 28.

1811, J. Crunden, (May,) 11;—N.B. Bad day, very little shooting.—T. Roberts, (June,) 25; E. W. Shepheard, (July,) 20; E. W. Shepheard, (Aug.,) 22.

1812, J. Crunden, (May,) 14; Sir H. Martin, Bart., (June,) 14; Sir. H. Martin, Bart., (July,) 24; Swynfen Jervis, (Aug.,) 9.

On the 5th, Silver Medal,—

1813, S. Jervis, (May,) 17; J. Crunden, (June,) 26; J. Crunden, (July,) 22; T. Roberts, (Aug.,) 21.

1814, S. Jervis, (May,) 12; S. Jervis, (June,) 8; C. Wilson, (July,) 6; T. Roberts, (Aug.,) 22.

These five Medals were placed in the sides of a handsome Silver Cup, manufactured by Messrs. Storr and Mortimer, at the cost of £45, for the Society, in Memory of Mr. J. Crunden; and the Cup was appointed to be Shot for annually, at 100 yards. Originally 36 double ends of 4 Arrows, 2 at each end; but now 24 rounds of 6 Arrows each, or 144 Arrows.

It was first won in 1836, by Mr. W. Peters, 29 hits; and the following list (B) contains the names of the subsequent winners, and the respective number of hits. There was no shooting for the Cup in 1845, otherwise it has been regularly shot for since 1836.

The “Crunden Bugle,”* is also won annually by the Crunden Member.

* One of the Prince of Wales’s Prizes, won by Mr. Crunden.

(B) CRUNDEN MEMBERS.

36 ends—144 Arrows.

		Hits.	Value.
1836,	W. Peters	29	81
1837,	J. Norton	38	122
1838,	W. Robinson	49	159
1839,	W. Peters	48	166
1840,	P. D. Hadow	35	131
1841,	J. C. Walford	38	128
1842,	W. Bowyer Smyth	39	125
1843,	Cap. Norton	35	163
1844,	" "	43	159
1845,			
1846,	H. Hippisley	35	105
1847,	" "	34	124
1848,	Octavius Luard	34	114
1849,	" "	42	164
1850,	C. H. Price	26	90
1851,	W. Peters	46	170
1852,	H. Hippisley	37	131
1853,	H. C. Mules	35	119
1854,	" "	35	189
1855,	" "	73	259
1856,	" "	55	215
1857,	" "	82	362
1858,	" "	77	297
1859,	" "	73	293
1860,	" "	76	214
1861,	W. J. Richardson	69	267
1862,	J. A. Froude	66	238
1863,	J. Spedding	53	185
1864,	" "	57	173
1865,	W. Butt	54	176
1866,	Thos. Boulton	62	244
1867,	W. Butt	77	283

The Winner also holds the Silver Gilt Challenge Medal, presented by Mr. Anon, in 1866.

The following is the Record of the Bow Meeting, at which, the Captain's Prize,—a Silver Cup,—was won by Mr. Lowton, and afterwards presented by him to the Society.

Annual Target, at Highbury Barn, 3rd August, 1782.—

Present.	No. of Prizes.	Value of Prizes. s. d.
Sir Ashton Lever, Pr.	5	4 0
Hon. Mr. Pitt, (George)	1	1 6
Mr. Haworth, V. P.	5	5 0
„ Fielden	3	4 0
„ Constable, Senr.	2	1 0
„ Wright*	1	1 6
„ Lowton, Capt.	2	3 0
„ Gibson	4	4 6
„ Constable, Junr.	4	3 0
„ Blundell, Lieut.	4	6 0
„ J. K. Sherwin	3	2 6
„ Stott	1	1 0
„ Waring	4	4 0
„ Allen	1	1 6
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* Mr. Chas. Wright acted as Auditor of the Accounts of the Society, from 1781 till 1790.



THE PRINCE'S PRIZE BUGLES.

IN 1792, H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales, being then Patron of the Society, first presented a Prize—a Silver Bugle—to be shot for according to regulations prescribed by himself, and for 10 consecutive years the Prince presented a similar Prize. The regulations were that the shooting should be at 100 yds., 80 yds., and 60 yds., called "The Prince's Lengths," instead of at the distances usual at that period, viz.: 120, 90, 60, and 30 yds., or 16, 12, 8, and 4 rods, an 'Archer's rod' being a measure of $7\frac{1}{2}$ yds.; the Targets, similar to those now in use, were 4 ft. in diameter at 100 yds., 3 ft. at 80 yds., and 2 ft. at 60 yds.; and the scoring was conducted on the present plan, viz.: Gold 9. Red 7, Inner White 5, Black 3, and Outer White 1, and called "The Prince's Reckoning."

Rounds, also, were shot of 6 Arrows each, 3 Arrows being shot by each Archer at each Target; instead of ends of 4 Arrows, 2 at each Target. The total number shot on these occasions is often not mentioned. On three occasions it is stated that 42 rounds, or 252 Arrows were shot; and on two occasions 46 rounds, or 276 Arrows. No mention is made of the method in which this number of Arrows was distributed between the different distances, but as a very elaborate rule appears in one of the Society's Records of "Rules and Regulations," the object of which rule is to secure that the same number of Arrows shall be shot at each distance; it is probable, that when possible, the same number of Arrows was shot at each distance.

The following is a copy of the official Letter of thanks sent to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.—

Sir,

The Members of the Toxophilite Society with great submission presume thus to request your Royal Highness's acceptance of their most grateful acknowledgments for your intended kindness to them, and which you have so obligingly condescended to communicate to the Society by Mr. Troward.

Countenanced by your Royal Highness's Patronage the Toxophilites have flourished, and encouraged by your favor they doubt not to excel; individually animated with hopes of obtaining the reward from your Royal Highness, all will be happy in the contest for it, but doubly gratified will be the Bowman whose anxious hand shall have directed his well-winged shaft to the wished for Prize.

The Toxophilites, prompted by unfeigned affection for your Royal Highness, avail themselves of this opportunity to assure you of their attachment and duty, and to express their most ardent wishes for a long continuance of your health and happiness.

I am, Sir,
Your most dutiful Servant,

RICHARD HAWORTH, V. P.

Toxophilite Rooms, Bloomsbury,
9th July, 1792.*

H. R. H. was a great Patron of Archery, and fond of the exercise, and often shot in the Society's Grounds at Leicester House, after H. R. H. became King, he intended to have again practised Archery, and the

* Vide No. 30, Min. Books, Vol. 2nd, Page 102.

N.B. Unfortunately these Volumes of Minutes do not now exist.

present Mr. Waring received his commands to take to Windsor a most complete set of Archery, which was accordingly done, but as it proved to be a very wet Autumn, the cases were not opened, and in the following year the King died.

The first "Prince's Prize Target Day," was on August 14th, 1792, and the following is a list of all the Winners of the Prince's Prizes.—

1792, Robert Glen	54	208	
1793, Hasting Elwin	76	276	252 Arrows shot.
1794, Richard Troward	76	266*	252 ditto
1795, John Brady	90	348	276 ditto
1796, John Crunden	77	301	276 ditto
1797, Ed. W. Shepheard	88	358	252 ditto
1798, Peter Cazalet	56	194	
1799, Thomas Waring	53	185	
1800, Sir H. Martin, Bt.	46	164	
1801, Thomas Roberts	35	123	

1st Prince's Prize Target, August 14th, 1792.—

†No. 1.

Mr. Glen, Cap.	54	¶Value 208
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No. 2.

Mr. Pitcairn	28
„ Routh	40

* The Targets supplied being too small, this score was increased to 361.

† Probably other Shooters were at this Target, but they are not named.

¶ This is the first entry in which number and value of hits is recorded. On all previous occasions the records give numbers of hits, and value in money of Prizes only. This old method of scoring disappears after 1794; and the newer method, styled in an entry of a Meeting, held on September 10th, 1796, as "Prince's Reckoning," is ever afterwards used.

ROYAL TOXOPHILITE SOCIETY.

Mr. Barlow	24
„ Pye	13
„ Norcross	37
„ Moorhouse	10

No. 3.

Mr. Wright	8
„ Perrott	17
„ Hansard	15
„ Elwin	30
„ Earle	19
„ Tward	12
„ Crane	

No. 4.

Mr. Greene, V. P.	16
„ Sermon	6
„ Cazalet	20
„ Vincent	12
„ Calvert	8
„ Rooke	6

2nd Prince's Target, September 4th, 1793, at
Prince's lengths.*—

	Hits	Gold	Red	In.	Out		Value
				Wh.	Blk.	Wh.	
Mr. Cazalet	59	2	8	15	10	24	— 203
„ Routh	42	1	1	8	17	15	— 122
„ Clarke	36	3	3	5	11	14	— 120
„ J. H. Greene	69	1	7	21	20	20	— 243
„ Moorhouse	16	1	1	1	8	5	— 50
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* It is not mentioned till 1801 that these lengths are 100, 80, and 60 yards.

Mr. Elwin	76	4	9	17	23	23	—	276
„ Shepheard	46	3	5	8	12	18	—	156
„ Barlow	21	3	2	5	4	7	—	85
„ Girdlestone	29	1	5	6	7	10	—	105
„ Constable	8	0	0	3	2	3	—	24
	—						—	
	180						646	
	—						—	

Mr. Bullock	23	1	1	6	7	8	—	75
„ Troward	40	1	5	12	10	12	—	146
„ Perrott	50	2	6	12	11	19	—	172
„ Barker	26	3	4	7	7	5	—	116
„ Waring	41	1	2	7	10	21	—	109
	—						—	
	180						618	
	—						—	

42 Rounds, 6 Arrows each, being 252 Arrows shot this day.

3rd Prince's Prize Target, August 19th, 1794.—

	Hits						Value
Mr. Ainslie	59	4	5	20	17	13	— 235
„ Bullock	27	2	3	7	8	7	— 105
„ Girdlestone	42	1	4	9	13	15	— 136
„ Hansard	39	1	3	8	10	17	— 117
„ Newberry	20	0	1	2	8	9	— 50
	—						—
	187						643
	—						—

Mr. Troward	76	0	9	25	18	24	—	266
„ Shepheard	42	2	2	12	17	9	—	152
„ Barker	28	2	4	3	9	10	—	98
„ Cazalet	43	5	4	3	15	16	—	149
„ Crunden	15	1	2	5	3	4	—	61
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	204						726	
	—						—	

Mr. Greene	40	2	8	9	10	11	—	162
„ Brady	30	5	5	3	8	9	—	134
	70						—	296

252 Arrows shot this day.

NOTE.—It is mentioned on this occasion that owing to a mistake the Targets were 4 ft., 2 ft. 7 in., and 1ft. 9in., instead of 4 ft., 3 ft., and 2 ft., which it was estimated on calculation would make a difference of at least 95 to the winning number; this added to 266 (Mr. Troward's score) made 361.

4th Prince's Prize Target, August 29th, 1795.—

	Hits							Value
Mr. Crunden	47	2	7	12	10	16	—	163
„ Cowper	45	4	5	11	8	17	—	167
„ Mcorhouse	40	1	8	10	9	12	—	154
„ Wheeler	49	1	10	10	17	11	—	191
	181						—	675
Mr. Baber	57	3	6	14	21	13	—	215
„ Cazalet	54	2	9	13	19	11	—	214
„ Girdlestone	74	2	10	24	20	18	—	286
„ Bullock	23	2	2	4	7	8	—	81
	208						—	796
Mr. Shepheard	67	4	8	13	24	18	—	247
„ Wheeler	90	4	17	19	24	26	—	348
„ Brady	167						—	595

NOTE.—It must be noticed that more Arrows were shot on this occasion.

5th Prince's Prize Target, August 27th, 1796.—

	Hits						Value
Mr. Cowper	3	3	18	15	25	—	208
„ Vincent	0	2	1	7	3	—	43
„ J. H. Greene	0	3	7	3	10	—	75
Sir Hy. Martin	1	6	8	13	20	—	150
						—	
						476	
						—	
Mr. Barlow	0	3	3	12	10	—	82
„ Girdlestone	1	7	19	15	15	—	213
„ Crunden	77	6	10	17	24	20	—
„ Moorhouse	1	4	3	13	8	—	97
						—	
						693	
						—	
Mr. Shepheard	2	5	16	20	26	—	219
„ Baber	1	4	4	14	19	—	118
„ Cazalet	4	13	18	18	24	—	295
„ J. W. Belcher	2	0	0	3	1	—	28
„ F. Newberry	0	1	2	4	2	—	31
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						691	
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46 Rounds. 276 Arrows were shot.

NOTE.—On this occasion Mr. Crunden won the Silver Bugle now held by the Crunden Member.

6th Prince's Prize Target, August 31st, 1797.—

	Hits						Value
Sir Hy. Martin, Bt.	1	2	11	11	9	—	120
Mr. Shepheard	88	6	16	23	17	26	—
							358
							—
						478	
						—	

Mr. Girdlestone	2	7	8	13	20	—	166
„ Waring	0	3	9	13	13	—	118
„ Thos. Greene	2	1	0	0	1	—	26
						—	310
Mr. Cazalet	2	5	10	8	20	—	147
„ Barlow	1	6	2	14	9	—	112
						—	159

42 Rounds. 252 Arrows were shot.

7th Prince's Prize Target, August 17th, 1798.—

	Hits						Value
Mr. Cazalet	56	1	8	14	13	20	— 194
„ Barker	32	2	6	2	9	13	— 110
„ Waring	46	3	10	8	11	14	— 184
„ Baber	40	2	7	12	6	14	— 166
„ Earle	11	1	1	3	0	6	— 37
	154						691

Mr. Crunden
 „ Shepheard
 „ Troward } Captains, as winners in former years.

8th Prince's Prize Target, August 13th, 1799.—

	Hits						Value
Sir H. Martin, Bt.	8	8	11	14	12	—	156
Mr. Waring*	53	1	9	13	9	21	— 185
„ Roberts (1st day)	0	1	2	5	5	—	37
							378

* Mr. Waring won the Bugle, tho' very ill with nervous headache both days.

Mr. Barker	2	8	5	8	12	—	93
„ Jervis	1	2	4	8	12	—	79
„ Mason	1	1	7	5	7	—	73
						—	245
						—	

9th Prince's Prize Target, September 10th, 1800.—

	Hits						Value
Sir H. Martin, Bt.	46	2	8	7	13	16	— 164
Mr. Barker	43	2	5	14	8	14	— 161
„ Jervis	3	2	3	4	9	—	77
„ Mason	1	2	3	4	10	—	60
„ Porter	1	1	2	3	7	—	42
						—	504
						—	

10th Prince's Prize Target, August 12th, 1801.—

	Hits						Value
Mr. Brady	3	4	10	18	24	—	183
„ Shepheard	2	10	15	20	10	—	233
„ Crunden	0	10	12	14	14	—	186
„ Mason (half-day)	0	1	0	0	6	—	13
						—	615
						—	
Mr. Roberts	35	2	5	7	7	14	— 123
„ Barker	1	4	1	6	10	—	70
„ Cazalet	1	2	9	16	14	—	130
„ Waring (half-day)	0	3	3	6	4	—	58
„ Troward (2 rounds)	0	0	2	2	0	—	6
						—	387
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NOTE.—On this occasion it is mentioned that the Prince's Lengths are 100, 80, and 60 yds. Six of the shooters present on this day having won the Prize Bugle previously, Mr. Roberts was declared the winner.

MR. PALMER'S PRIZE ARROW.

IN 1795 Mr. Palmer presented to the Society a Silver Prize Arrow, to be shot for, it was won by Mr. Crunden, bequeathed by him to the Hon. Daniel Finch, by whom it was again presented to the Society.

The following is a record of the shooting for this Arrow in 1795, 6, 7, and 8, and also a copy of Mr. Palmer's letter.—

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that I have ordered a Silver Prize Arrow to be made, which I mean to present to the Toxophilite Society, and which I hope they will do me the honor to accept.

My wish is, if agreeable to the Gentlemen, that it be shot for the Butts down; 12 double ends at each length, and no Arrow to score that may not be within the distances which follow, viz :—

16	roods	27	inches
12	„	15	„
8	„	10	„
4	„	4	„

I likewise wish that it may be shot for four successive years, by those of the Members who chuse to come forward, and on the fifth year the winners only to contend for the propriety of it. The Society will determine upon some day prior to the Birthday, and which will be

considered as fixed for the succeeding years. The Silversmith has promised that the Arrow shall be forthcoming on the first day or week in May.

I have the honor to be

Your obliged and humble Servant,

THOS. PALMER.*

April 17th, 1795.

The 1st year's shooting for Mr. Palmer's Prize Arrow. 12 double ends, at Butts, May 27th, 1795.—

Mr. Barker	7	1	6	0	—	14
„ Elwin, Capt.	6	7	15	15	—	43
„ Shepheard	8	10	7	1	—	26
„ Cazalet	3	3	4	5	—	15
„ Baker	2	3	7	3	—	15
„ Girdlestone	3	3	7	7	—	20
„ Bullock	4	1	3	5	—	13
„ Vincent	3	2	3	2	—	10
„ J. H. Greene	3	7	6	5	—	21
„ Waring	0	0	2	5	—	7
„ Troward	4	3	9	8	—	24
„ Cowper	4	1	2	4	—	11
„ Thos. Sermon	2	1	0	1	—	4
„ Brady	4	7	4	2	—	17
„ Belcher	1	0	1	0	—	2
15 shot —	54	49	76	63	—	242

The second year, June 1st, 1796.—

		Inches		Total
Mr. Girdlestone	1	2	9	3 — 15
„ Bullock	2	3	3	3 — 11
„ Baber	2	6	6	8 — 22
„ W. Palmer, Capt.	7	8	6	21 — 42
„ Greene	0	2	3	0 — 5

* Mr. Palmer joined the Society in 1794, and was still a Member in 1817.

Mr. Brady	5	9	10	9	—	33
„ Cazalet	1	1	6	7	—	15
„ W. Cowper	5	7	8	13	—	33
Sir H. Martin	1	2	0	0	—	3
Mr. Waring	1	3	4	8	—	16
„ T. Palmer	4	5	5	7	—	31
„ Shepheard	9	8	9	12	—	38
„ Crunden	8	6	10	11	—	35
„ Troward	6	7	7	11	—	31
„ Barker	6	2	2	6	—	16
15 shot	—	58	71	88	129	— 346

The third year, May 31st, 1797.—

	4 roods	8 roods	12 roods	16 roods	Total
Mr. Baber	8	6	3	9	— 26
„ Cowper	9	14	6	11	— 35
„ Shepheard	10	8	9	11	— 35
„ Crunden	12	13	9	12	— 46

The fourth year, June 1st, 1798.—

Mr. Troward	9	9	7	14	—	39
„ Shepheard	10	11	6	2	—	29
„ Cazalet, Capt.	12	12	12	6	—	42
„ Cowper	16	13	4	1	—	34
„ Brady	14	9	13	4	—	40
„ Baber	10	6	7	7	—	30
Sir H. Martin	4	0	4	4	—	12

NOTE.—The records give no account of the final struggle between Messrs. Elwin, 43; Palmer, 42; J. Crunden, 46; P. Cazalet, 42. On one of the Medals attached to the Prize Arrow, it is stated that Mr. Crunden won the Arrow with 45 hits.

THE old custom, among the Finsbury Archers, in shooting for Prizes, was, that the *first* Gold won ; probably this was when the distances were greater than now. But the Royal Toxophilite Society remodelled the plan by declaring that the most central shot *during the whole shooting* should be considered the best and win. This method gave the opportunity for a longer contest of skill, but yet did not altogether decide superiority in shooting, therefore the Society instituted another Prize entitled the *Medal of Numbers*, or for most hits regardless of the colours.

In order to carry the display of skill still further, they ordained that the Bugle (annually presented by their Patron H. R. H. the Prince of Wales) should be shot for at Targets of different sizes at the different distances (see page 43), giving a value to each colour in proportion to its proximity to the centre ; and as an encouragement to the younger Archers, it was a rule, that no member having won a Bugle, could shoot for a second, till each Member had once won one ; this was a *very old* rule in prize shooting, having been practised at a match, on the Marriage of a Son of Edward iv. to a Daughter of the Duke of Norfolk.

The Butts erected by the Royal Toxophilite Society used to be in three sets, called, 'Shaft,' 'Centre,' and 'Bow,' each set consisting of four, and each Butt being 30 yds. distant from the other ; forming a chain of 30, 60, 90, and 120 yds. ; so arranged as not to stand in the way of the Archer, when shooting at any of the lengths. Upon these Butts about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, was placed the mark, a circular piece of thin white paste-board, 4 inches in diam.

Afterwards a new kind of Butt (said to have been invented in Scotland) was adopted by the Society, consisting wholly of Straw, laid first in trusses, and then screwed down as tight as possible; the ends afterwards being cut smooth. It was shot under cover, at the four-rood length; this was a very pleasant Butt to shoot at, was durable (if kept under cover from the wet) and never injured the Arrow.

The Royal Toxophilite Society to save the trouble of frequent admeasurement when the *inches* were shot, placed their white or mark on a blue or dark ground, forming an exterior circle of as many inches in diameter as were allowed; so that as every Arrow counted which came within the inches, so every Arrow within the inches *must* be in the *paper*. Hence it was called the *Paper-game*, and was seldom shot but at the four-rood length.

The Finsbury rule allowed an Arrow to reckon *in* that ring *broken or depressed nearest* the centre; but in the Royal Toxophilite ground, an Arrow *dividing* two colours could only reckon in the colour farthest from the centre; of course this rule has now been reversed to suit the modern custom.



MR. FINCH'S BRACER.

THE Silver Arm Guard or Bracer was presented by the Hon. Daniel Finch, to be shot for at 100 yards, (192 Arrows,) and to be held by the winner until he be beaten by a challenger on any one of the Target Days. If the challenger failed to beat the holder, he had to forfeit a dozen of Claret to the Society. In 1853 and subsequently until the introduction of the York Round in 1858, when the Rules were revised and altered, 144 Arrows were shot at 100 yds., and the forfeit was altered to £1. It used to be won by most hits, but during the time that 144 Arrows were shot and subsequently, it has been won by greatest score. The Field Captain or holder of the Silver Bracer used to have second rank, next after the President, but now he holds third rank, i.e. next after the Captain of Targets, and in 1866 the Challenge was abolished, and the Bracer is now shot for on the York Rounds, on the first Target Day of the Season. The winner also holds the Arrow Brooch, presented by Mr. W. Butt, in 1865; and a Silver Gilt Challenge Medal presented by Mr. Anon, in 1866.

Here follows the list of field Captains.—

1833,	May 17,	W. Peters, F. C.	
	June 14,	J. Norton	
	July 12,	R. Barclay	
1834,	May 9,	W. Peters	
1835,	„ 22,	J. Norton	54
1837,	„ 17,	W. Robinson	47

1837, May 31, J. Norton	60
1838, " 25, C. Lawrence	48
June 8, W. Peters	71
July 13, R. Arabin	60
1839, May 24, J. Norton	62
July 5, W. Peters	86
1840, May 22, R. Arabin	58
June 12, Bowyer Smijth	52
July 31, W. Peters	64
1841, " 16, W. Robinson	50
", 30, J. G. Walford	54
1842, May 20, Bowyer Smijth	45
July 29, J. Norton	43
1843, " 14, Bowyer Smijth	65
1848, " 7, Octavius Luard	46

144 Arrows at 100 yards.

1853, May 20, H. C. Mules	50—196
1854, " 19, " "	61—215
1857, " 21, " "	74—280
1858, " 20, " "	72—292

At a general Meeting in 1858, it was determined that the Shooting for the Field Captaincy should be on the 'York Round,' on the first Target Day in 1859.

1859, May 19, W. J. Richardson	89—443
1860, " 10, H. C. Mules	86—380
1863, " 20, J. Spedding	82—350
1864, " 19, W. Butt (right-handed)	63—311
1865, " 18, G. E. Hicks	65—271
1866, " 17, W. Butt (left-handed)	79—309
1867, " 16, Lt. Col. A. Robertson	70—286

No record remains of the Shooting on the first four occasions, when the Bracer was won by Peters, Norton, Barclay, and Peters, respectively. In 1835, Norton and Troward shot a tie, being each 54—202.

After July 14th, 1843, the Records are omitted till 1848; then another omission occurs till May 20th, 1853.

On May 19th, 1854, Col. Phillipps challenged H. C. Mules the F. C. and lost, making only 55—185. On May 20th, 1857, W. J. W. Baynes challenged H. C. Mules the F. C., and lost, making 72—292.



THE KING'S CUPS.

JN 1834, His Majesty King William the 4th's Silver Cup was shot for on the 'King's Target Day,'* June 20th. 29 shooters were present. The shooting was at 120, 90, and 60 yards. 36 double ends or 144 Arrows. J. Norton made the best score, 18 hits, 50 score, and won the Cup. In 1860, Captain J. Norton presented this same Cup to the Society, and it was resolved that it should become an Annual Challenge Prize, to be shot for at 120 yards only, 144 Arrows.

1861, July 25, J. Spedding	27—103
1862, " 31, " "	14— 58
1863, June 18, T. Boulton†	—156
1864, " 23, J. A. Froude	21— 75
1865, Aug. 3, " "	30—112
1866, April 12, W. W. Spottiswood	37—133
1867, " 4, " "	36—158

In 1835, the 'King's Cup' was shot for July 3rd, when Glen Finlaison made the highest score, 45—157;

* Part of Rule 20, printed 1834.—Shooting on the King's Prize Day.—The course of shooting on this day shall be as follows: before dinner, 8 ends at 120 yards, 8 ends at 90 yards, and 8 ends again at 120 yards, if the time will admit—not beginning a new end after a quarter past three. After dinner there shall be shot, first, the same number of ends at 60 as were shot beyond the number of 8 before dinner at 120, and secondly, the same number at 90, and thirdly, 8 ends at 60.

† No Record was kept of the No. of Mr. Boulton's hits.

Norton's being second, 39—133. The shooting was at 120, 90, and 60 yards; 33 double ends, or 132 Arrows. 32 Shooters present.

In 1836 the 'King's Cup' was shot for July 1st, when Captain J. Norton made the highest score, 65—239, (W. Peters being next, 63—221). The shooting was at 120, 90, and 60 yards; 48 ends, or 192 Arrows. 26 Shooters present.

His Majesty died June 19th, 1837, but had already presented a Prize Cup to be shot for by Society in that year, but it was not shot for till June 29th, 1838, at 120, 90, and 60 yards, when the following scores were made:

W. Peters	4	10	17	19	18—68—266
Cap. Norton*	3	11	18	17	13—62—258

On this occasion 47 instead of 48 ends were shot, owing to a storm coming on at the end of the day's shooting. The Cup was awarded to Mr. Peters. 21 Members shot. 1500 tickets of admission were issued, and 1147 were received at the gates.

* Cap. Norton having left England, and consequently withdrawn from the Society, it was resolved at the Annual Meeting, May 8th, 1846, that he be elected an Honorary Member. Captain Norton died at the Club House, at Bray, on the 2nd Feb., 1867.



MR. BUDWORTH'S BUGLE.

MR. PHILIP BUDWORTH became a Member in 1841, and in the same year presented a silver-gilt Bugle and Chain to be shot for and won under such conditions as the Committee should lay down. These conditions were that it should be shot for on the President's Prize Day in the first instance, and on future occasions on the first Target Day of the year, to be won by the Captain of those days, and to remain in his possession until the first Target Day of the season, next in succession.

WINNERS.

Mr. Walford	1841
„ Bowyer Smijth	1842
Cap. J. Norton	1843
No Shooting on 1st Target Day,	1844
No Shooting on 1st Target Day,	1845
Mr. J. G. Walford	1846
„ H. Hippisley	1847
„ J. G. Walford	1848
„ „	1849
„ „	1850
„ Money Wigram	1851
„ R. Snow	1852
„ H. C. Mules	1853
Col. Phillipps	1854
No Record of 1855.	
Mr. James Spedding	1856
„ S. G. R. Strong	1857

Mr. P. S. Wilkinson 1858
 „ H. C. Mules 1859,

when it was shot for on the Crunden Target Day, because in this year the 'York Round' was first introduced into the first Target Day.

Mr. James Spedding 1860
 „ L. Oliver 1861
 „ J. Spedding 1862
 „ „ 1863
 „ J. S. Stopford 1864
 „ R. Butt 1865
 „ Thos. Boulton 1866,

on the Crunden Day.

In this year the rule *re* the 'Budworth Bugle' was altered so that it was shot for as previously, on the 'Crunden Day,' but it could not as formerly be won by the Crunden Member, and also on the 4 Target Days during the shooting at 100 yards, to be won by the maker of the best gold, but the Field Captain, the First Lieutenant, the Barker Member, the Second Lieutenant, and the Captain of Targets, or Gold Medallist, were all to be ineligible.

Mr. W. Spottiswoode	1866, on the 1st Target Day
„ E. Wilkinson	„ on the 2nd „ „
„ J. Spedding	„ on the 3rd „ „
„ „	„ on the 4th „ „
„ J. S. Stopford	1867, on the Crunden Day
„ S. Banner	„ on the 1st Target Day
„ G. E. Hicks	„ on the 2nd „ „
„ E. Wilkinson	„ on the 3rd „ „
„ G. E. Hicks	„ on the 4th „ „

The winner also holds the Silver Gilt Challenge Medal, presented by the Hon. Sec.

THE BARKER BUGLE.

AT a Committee Meeting held April 7th, 1857, it was resolved that the Silver Bugle presented by A. R. Barker, Esq., June 13, 1834, should be shot for as a Handicap Prize, to be held for the year by the Member winning it. This handicap match was shot on June 4th, 1857, and the Bugle was won by Mr. P. S. Wilkinson. In 1858 it was decided that the same Bugle should be shot for as a Challenge Prize, on the York Round, to be won by the greatest gross score, (the Field Captain not competing,) the winner to be called the Barker Member, and to hold rank in the field next after the Crunden Member. When the Society's Rules were revised and altered in 1866, it was decided that on the third Target Day, the maker of the greatest gross score should become the Barker Member, and that the Field Captain, and First Lieutenant should be ineligible. The Barker Member now holds rank next after the First Lieutenant.

The list of winners since 1857.—

1858,	Rev. W. J. Richardson	98—442
1859,	H. C. Mules	99—453
1860,	Rev. W. J. Richardson	104—516
1861,	Rev. T. G. Golightly	96—446
1862,	Money Wigram	65—262
1863,	F. Prothero	64—234
1864,	James Spedding	83—371
1865,	W. Butt (omitted to shoot 9 arrows at 60)	73—329
1866,	Thomas Boulton	92—416
1867,	W. Butt	77—343

The winner also holds the Silver Gilt Challenge Medal presented by Mr. Anon.

SIR H. MARTIN'S* MEDAL.

AS the Book of Minutes and Transactions of the Society begins with June 14th, 1837, there is no record of the original intentions of Sir H. Martin, when he presented his Silver Medal in 1836, which, till 1867 has been laid aside.

The other Minute Book which begins with the Season of 1836, mentions that Sir H. Martin's two Silver Goblets were won in a handicap match, by Mr. P. D. Hadow, but does not allude to this particular Medal, but it is probable that it was presented on that occasion.

The Committee have now decided that it shall in future be won by the maker of the greatest gross score on the Crunden Day, but not by the Crunden Member of the same day. It was first won on April 18th, 1867, by Mr. W. Spottiswoode, with 274—72; 144 arrows, at 100 yds.

In 1836 the third Target was on July 8th, on this occasion the Prizes were Sir H. Martin's Cups; and a somewhat unusual system of handicapping was adopted, the shooters being divided into classes, A, B, &c., according to their proficiency; the various colours bore different values respectively in the several classes, thus—

* Sir H. W. Martin became a member in 1793, and continued so till his death.

	Gold	Red	Blue	Blk.	White
A —	6	4	2	1	0
B —	7	4	3	1	0
C —	7	5	3	2	0
D —	8	6	4	2	1
E —	10	7	5	3	2
F —	12	9	6	4	3
G —	16	12	8	6	4

It is mentioned that Hadow (Class B) won—his score being recorded thus,—

Gold	Red	Blue	Blk.	Hits	Score
2	10	17	12	41	117

48 ends, at 100 yards.

A Silver Prize Cup presented by the Hon. C. L. Butler, was shot for on July 4th, 1851, and won by Mr. H. A. Ford, without his blacks and whites.—

Gold	Red	Blue	Blk.	Wh.	Hits	Score
11	37	54	42	50	194	804

Mr. Peters made the next best score.—

5	12	17	27	43	104	338
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288 arrows were shot, at 100 yards.

A Gold Medal and a Silver Medal presented by Mr. H. C. Mules, to be won by the best scores in two day's shooting, (96 arrows at 100 yds., 72 at 80 yds., and 48 at 60 yds., being shot each day,) were shot for on May 26th, and June 9th, 1854. The Gold Medal was won by Mr. H. C. Mules, hits 239, score 1,007. The Silver Medal was won by Col. H. Phillipps, hits 229, score 979.

A Silver Prize Cup presented by Mr. James Spedding, was shot for on May 13th, 1856, and won by Rev. James Cook. The York Round was shot. This was a handicap match. Mr. Cook's score was, hits 55, score 239.

A Robin Hood Prize presented by Mr. H. C. Mules, for most hits in a willow wand, 3 inches wide, and 4 feet high, was shot for on June 27th, 1856, and won by Mr. P. S. Wilkinson, with 8 hits. 144 arrows were shot, divided amongst the three distances, 100 yds., 80 yds., and 60 yds., as in the York Round.

£5 was presented by Mr. H. C. Mules, to be shot for on a handicap of the scores of the last two York Rounds, and was won by Mr. S. G. R. Strong, with hits 56, score 214, on the 18th of June, 1867.

A Prize was presented by Mr. W. G. Campbell, and shot for on Mr. James Spedding's handicap system, on the York Round, on July 1st, 1858, and was won by Mr. A. R. Tawney, with hits 84, score 350. The handicap was taken in the case of each Archer on the best score he had made during the last 12 months, and decided by the most advantageous relation between this greatest score, and the score made by each Archer this day. Thus Mr. Tawney's score as above is 350, multiplied by the largest score returned by any Archer, 550,

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and divided by the largest score made by this Archer, viz: 340, gives 566 as his handicap.

A Silver Prize Cup presented by Mr. N. Wetherell was shot for on July 14th, 1859, on the York Round. This was a handicap match, and the mean between each Archer's highest and lowest scores made during the preceding 6 months was taken as his handicap. The Cup

was won on the "Spedding system," by Mr. Money Wigram, who made 58—240; Mr. W. J. Richardson made 100—469, and Mr. Henry C. Mules 93—461. The result of the handicap was, Mr. Wigram 607, Mr. Headlam 510. Mr. Richardson 480, Mr. Mules 461, and Mr. Oliver 448.

A Silver Prize Cup presented by Col. Sir C. J. J. Hamilton, Bart., C.B., senior Vice-President of the year, was shot for on June 28th, 1860, at 100 yards, and to be won by the best gold. This Cup was won by the Rev. W. J. Richardson. Mr. H. C. Mules made the best score, 43 hits, 155 score. 144 Arrows were shot.

A handsome Clock, presented by Mrs. W. F. Pollock, was shot for on July 12th, 1860, on the York Round, and was won by Mr. H. C. Mules, he having made most hits, 98 hits, 390 score.

A Silver Prize Cup, presented by Mr. H. C. Mules, senior Vice-President of the year, was shot for on June 27th, 1861, on the York Round. This was a Handicap Prize Day, and the Handicap was taken on the mean of the highest and lowest score made during the present season by each Archer compared with his shooting this day. The Cup was won by Mr. G. F. Boultnbee, who was handicapped at 132, and who made 51 hits, 227 score.

A Silver Prize Cup, presented by Mr. S. G. R. Strong, was shot for on July 11th, 1861, on the York Round. Mr. H. C. Mules made the best score 78—336. The Cup was won by Mr. H. C. Mules who made most hits (13) in the Willow Wand, (3 in. wide and 4 ft. high.

A handsome Clock, presented by Mr. James Spedding, was shot for on July 17th, 1862, on the York Round. This was a Handicap Match, and the Clock was won by A. T. Malkin, whose handicap was 205, and who made 54 hits, 226 score.

A Gold Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Money Wigram, senior Vice-President of the year, was shot for on July 16th, 1863. The Handicap was taken on the 'Spedding System,' and the Pencil Case was won by Mr. W. F. Pollock, whose handicap was 135, and made 35 hits, 167 score. Mr. James Spedding made the best score 80 hits, 360 score.

A Silver Inkstand, value £25, presented as a Handicap Prize by Mr. W. Peters, one of the oldest Members of the Society, was shot for on July 26th, 1864, on the York Round, and was open to Members of the R. T. S., the West Berks, and the Harlow (Essex) Societies. In addition to the above a Self Yew Bow was presented by Mr. Buchanan, (215 Piccadilly), for the second gross score. Mr. Coulson won the Inkstand with 414, and 33 given, total 447. The Bow was won by Mr. W. J. W. Baynes, (now Sir W. J. W. Baynes, Bart.,) with 261, and 130 given, total 391. Best gold at 100 yards, Rev. C. H. Everett, £1 2s.; ditto at 80, Mr. W. J. Richardson, £1 2s.; ditto at 60 yds., Mr. R. Butt, £1 2s.

£5 presented by Mr. James Spedding, V. P., was shot for on May 25th, 1865, on the York Round. The Handicap was taken on the last 5 rounds shot on the ground. The Prizes were won by W. J. Richardson* 71—315; G. E. Hicks 78—324; R. Butt 36—134; J. S. Stopford 50—202; L. Oliver won the best gold Prize.

A French Bronze Gilt Moderator Lamp, presented by Mrs. W. F. Pollock, was shot for on June 22nd, 1865, on the York Round. The Handicap was taken on the last 5 rounds shot on the ground. The Prize was won by Mr. A. T. Malkin with 63—277, and 183 given, total 460.

* On this occasion Mr. Richardson shot left-handed, after a very short period of practice.

The Subscription Prize was won by Sir W. J. W. Baynes, Bart., with the second Handicap, score 68—320, and 71 given; best gold, Mr. R. Butt.

Col. Sir C. J. J. Hamilton, Bt., C.B., senior V. P., presented Prizes for shooting at 120 yds., 144 arrows; the best scores were, Rev. J. M. Croker, 38—158; Mr. W. Spottiswoode, 32—130; Rev. C. H. Everett, 29—125; Mr. T. Boulton, 34—120; Mr. T. S. Coulson, 30—104. Prizes:—best score Mr. Croker, £2; most hits Mr. T. Boulton, £1 10s.; 2nd score, Mr. W. Spottiswoode, £1; most golds (3), Mr. Everett 10s., (tie with Mr. Froude); best golds, Messrs. Froude and Spottiswoode. Messrs. Croker and Boulton, each landed all three arrows in the target at one end, each scoring gold, red, and blue. This distance is now but seldom practised, the best score hitherto recorded was that of that admirable shot, the late Mr. Henry C. Mules,* 155. Mr. T. Boulton on a previous occasion, the records of which have unfortunately been lost, made about 156.

Mr. Anon's Gold Challenge Medal, for most points on the 4 Target Days, and on the 4 Extra Target Days, when the Shooting is at 120, 100, 80, and 60 yards, respectively, was first shot for during the Season of 1865, and won by Mr. J. A. Froude, with 12 points; Mr. A. T. Malkin had 10; Mr. W. Butt, 10; Mr. G. E. Hicks, 8; and Mr. Sotherton, 2, towards the Gold Medal that same year. During the Season of 1866, it was won by Mr. Thos. Boulton, with 34 points; Mr. W. Spottiswoode had 25; and Mr. W. Butt, 7 points towards the Gold Medal, in 1866. During the Season of 1867, it was won by Mr. W. Butt, with 41 points; Mr. W. Spottiswoode, had 24 points; and Mr. J. Spedding, had 3 points towards the Gold Medal, in the same Season of 1867. Gold Clasps with the Winners' Names are annually added to the Medal, by the Society.

* Mr. Henry C. Mules became a Member in 1852, and continued so till his death, in 1862. He was a celebrated Archer, and a very zealous, warm supporter of the Society, and was a Vice-President; his loss was universally regretted, both as a member and as a friend.

Mr. Anon's Silver Gilt Medal for the 1st Lieutenant for which the Field Captain cannot compete, was first shot for June 7th, 1866, and won by W. Spottiswoode. York Round shot.

34 116 — 26 108 — 21 101 — 81 325

And was again won by Mr. W. Spottiswoode, on the 6th of June, 1867.

42 174 — 39 151 — 22 108 — 103 433

Mr. Anon's Silver Gilt Medal for the 2nd Lieutenant, which cannot be held by either the Captain of Targets, the Field Captain, the 1st Lieutenant, or Barker Member, was first shot for August 2nd, 1866, and won by Mr. R. Butt. It was won by Mr. James Spedding on the 1st of August, 1867.

In 1866, it was resolved to have 144 arrows shot at 80 yds., on some one day. Mr. T. Boulton scored on this occasion 113 hits, 501 score. In 1867, Mr. Anon presented a Silver Gilt Challenge Medal, for the winner of this distance, and it was won by Mr. W. Butt, with 107 hits, 453 score.

In 1866, it was resolved to have 144 arrows shot at 60 yds., on some one day. Mr. T. Boulton made 142 hits, 828 score. In 1867, Mr. Anon presented a Silver Gilt Challenge Medal, for the winner at this distance and it was won by Mr. W. Butt, with 133 hits, and 661 score.

"On Thursday, the 20th of July, 1865, an extra target day of the Royal Toxophilite Society, the York Round was, as usual, shot by the members. The weather was not very favourable for Archery, and the attendance was very scanty, owing, no doubt, to the existence, just at present, of so many exciting events in the provinces. The principal scores were as follows;

	100 yds.	80 yds.	60 yds.	Total.		
	h.	s.	h.	s.	h.	s.
J. A. Froude	32	114—27	127—20	94—79	335	
Wm. Butt	18	70—31	127—21	93—70	290	
W. J. Sotherton	19	69—29	121—17	73—65	263	

"Messrs. Hedlam, Pollock, Stopford, Spedding, and Holmes were also present. Mr. Froude missed a few arrows at 100 yards. At the conclusion of the shooting, and after the ballot, a Meeting was held of the Committee of the Society. It was resolved that Mr. Anon's handsome donation of a Gold Challenge Medal, to be won and worn under the following conditions, be gladly accepted. This decoration will be awarded at the conclusion of the present Archery Season, to the town member who is the maker of the most points on the Crunden and Budworth Target Day, and the first, second, third and fourth Target Days. On the Crunden and Budworth Target Day, twelve dozen arrows being shot at 100 yards, the points will count four for score and four for hits. On the first, second and third Target Days—the York Round being shot—the points will count on each occasion as in the case of the Grand National Society's Champion Challenge Medal. On the fourth Target Day, when twelve dozen arrows are shot at 100 yards, the points will count two for score and two for hits. The Society will add a Silver Gilt Clasp each year, for the name of the winner for that year. The winner is to wear the Medal on all Target and extra Target Days during the succeeding season, under a penalty of 2s. 6d. for each omission. The Medal is to be presented to the winner on the fourth Target Day of each season, and delivered up again on the fourth Target Day of the succeeding season, annually. In cases of ties on hits or scores, the points will be counted to the maker of the best score or hits; and in cases of ties in total points the Medal will be awarded to the maker of the better score on the York Round, in the course of the season. It was also resolved that Mr. Anon's offer of a decoration to be worn by the Field Captain be accepted. It was further resolved that Mr. Anon's offer to provide a die for a badge to be worn by Members of the Royal Toxophilite Society, be gladly accepted, subject to the approval of the design. The thanks of the Meeting were offered to Mr. Anon for his munificence, and further matters of business were transacted."

"On Thursday, the 7th December, 1865, the Royal Toxophilite Society held its Anniversary Dinner in the Archer's Hall, Regent's Park. Colonel Sir Charles Hamilton, Bart., C.B., was in the Chair. The Meeting congratulated the President of the Society, the Right Hon. Earl Dudley, on his marriage, and thanked Mr. Anon for his many handsome donations, which will add much to the interest of the next Archery Season. In addition to the Gold Challenge Medal, which was won this year by Mr. J. A. Froude, and whose ownership next year will be decided by the result of the shooting on the four Target Days and four of the extra Target Days,* Mr. Anon has presented decorations for the Field Captain, the Barker Member, the Budworth Member, and the Honorary Secretary; and another Member has presented a decoration to be won on the third Target Day. A condition is annexed to these ornaments, that no two of them shall be won by one Member, but this condition, of course, does not apply to the Gold Medal or to the Honorary Secretary's ornaments. Mr. Anon has also had a die executed, from which a badge, to be worn by Members of the Society, is struck. This badge is a Silver Gilt Brooch, a very handsome ornament, consisting of a shield with the arms of the Society surmounted by a crown, and surrounded with a

* These four extra Target Days, and the Norton Day, when 144 Arrows are shot at 120 yards—two points are counted for greatest score, and two for most hits. The Crunden Day, when 144 Arrows are shot at 100 yards—four points are counted for greatest score, and four points for most hits. The 80 yds. Target Day, when 144 Arrows are shot at that distance—four points are counted for greatest score, and four points for most hits. The 60 yards Target Day, when 144 Arrows are shot at that distance, four points are counted for greatest score, and four points for most hits. The total number of points to be made on the four Target Days, and these four extra Target Days, being 68.

10 — 1st Target	10 — 2nd Target	10 — 3rd Target	10 — 4th Target	4 — Norton Target
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8 — Crunden Target	8 — 80 yds. Target	8 — 60 yds. Target
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scroll containing the description of the Society and the date of its institution. The first specimens of this badge appeared on the occasion of the Anniversary Dinner, on the 7th inst., and were very justly admired."

"On Thursday last, May 3rd, 1866, was held the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Toxophilite Society. It appeared that the receipts of the year 1865 amounted to £832 15s. 7d., and the expenditure to £758 11s. 3d.; and the estimated receipts of the present year amounted to £698 13s. 5d.; whilst the corresponding expenditure amounted to £617 9s. 8d. The repairs executed last year by Messrs. Cubitt have given great satisfaction, and further repairs, more particularly for the convenience of Ladies, will be executed this year, and a new outer Gate will soon be substituted for the present one. The Officers and Committee for the current year were duly elected, and a vote of thanks offered to the Officers of the past year. The alterations in the Rules to suit the programme, rendered necessary by the very liberal donation of decorations for the different Officers by Mr. Anon, were sanctioned, and the Meeting closed with congratulations to the Society for its steady and advancing prosperity. A fund, now amounting to £11, has arisen to reward the maker of the first exactly central hit on any Target or extra Target Day, made by a Subscriber to the fund at the rate of 2s. 6d. per season, or 6d. each meeting. One-half of the fund will be paid to the maker of the successful hit, the other half being retained by the Society to assist the re-creation of the fund. It should have been mentioned that on Thursday, the 26th of April, Mr. E. Wilkinson got very close to the exact centre; and it is highly probable that, in the course of 144 arrows at 60 yards, on Thursday next, some lucky arrow may find the exact centre."

In 1866 the Silver Gilt Practice Challenge Medal, presented by E. Wilkinson, Esq., was shot for April 14th, 1866, on the York Round. 4 Shooters present,

and won by Mr. Thomas Boulton, with the following score :

					Total.	
					Hits.	Score.
100	80	60				
43	175	— 40	186	— 24	148	— 107 509

Mr. T. Boulton afterwards made

48	206	— 46	208	— 23	133	— 117 551
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Similarly authenticated, and held this Medal under the condition that it must be surrendered to the first Member who should make a greater score similarly authenticated.

On Saturday, July 6th, 1867, this Medal was won by Mr. W. Spottiswoode, who made,

At 100.	At 80.	At 60.	Hits.	Score.
50	244	— 41	201	*23 129 — 114 574

Golds.	Reds.	Blues.	Blacks.	Whites.
4	4	2	— 16	10 10 — 13 14 5 — 7 6 5 — 10 7 1

Mr. W. Spottiswoode has added Clasps to this Medal recording the progressive scores by which it has been won, and the names of its holders.

A Silver Cup presented by Mr. T. Boulton was shot for on July 4th, 1867, on the York Round, and won by the maker of most blues. Mr. W. Spottiswoode made 26, and won the Cup; Mr. W. Butt made 21, and Col. Robertson 19. Mr. Spottiswoode's score was,

				Total.
37	147	— 34	190	— 23 127 — 94 464

* The one arrow omitted at 60 yds. did not fail to reach the target, but actually passed through it, the target being old and unsound.

SIR ASHTON LEVER.

SIR ASHTON LEVER, Kt., Founder of the Society, was Son of Sir D'arey Lever, of Alkington, near Manchester. He finished his education at Corpus C. C. Oxford ; and on leaving the University, went to reside with his Mother, and afterwards settled at his Family Seat, Alkington, which he rendered famous by the best Aviary in the Kingdom. He next extended his views to all the branches of Natural History ; this taste for Natural History is said to have arisen from his having shot and preserved a white Sparrow. He became possessed of one of the finest Museums in the world, sparing no expense in procuring specimens from the most distant regions. This was removed to London about 1775, and opened to the public in Leicester House, Leicester Square. From want of public patronage Sir Ashton was in 1785 obliged to dispose of it by way of lottery, and it fell to the lot of a Mr. Parkinson, who built Rooms on the Surrey side of Blackfriar's Bridge, for its reception, and did everything in his power to render it interesting to the Public, but he was obliged to dispose of it by Auction in 1806, when the whole was dispersed.

Sir Ashton Lever died in 1788, (either on January 30th, or February 2nd,) of an apoplectic attack, while sitting on the Bench with the other Magistrates at Manchester.

THE Society was first resident at Leicester House, Leicester Square, (better known of late as Savile House,) but the shooting took place at Highbury, Canonbury House, and the Artillery Ground.

In 1791 the Society rented from the Duke of Bedford, Grounds lying on the east side of Gower Street, where the Houses on the west side of Torrington Square now stand; and also rented rooms and Cellars in what was at that period called Charlotte Street, but now, 34, Bloomsbury Street, (not many doors from New Oxford Street,) at the back of this house there still stands a long range of lofty Work-shops looking northwards into Streatham Street, the ground-floor and Cellars of this building were occupied by the Society, (the Suppers were held here, the Dinners being in the Pavilion in the Gower Street Grounds,) Mr. Waring's Work-shops occupied the upper floors.

In 1805 the Archery Grounds being required for building purposes, the Society's property remained in charge of Mr. Waring, in Caroline Street, Bedford Square, till 1821, when Mr. Waring rented a piece of Ground of about 4 acres in extent, at £7 per acre, situate at Bayswater, on the estate of the Bishop of London, opposite the point of separation between Hyde Park and the Kensington Gardens, lying on the east side of Westbourne Street, and extending from the Oxford Road northwards, to the Grand Junction Road at Sussex Gardens; the descent of the Oxford Road opposite the Archery Ground, was then much more steep than now, and forty years ago somewhat solitary. Mr. Waring having put the ground into proper order for Archery,

and having built a Pavilion in it for the use of the Members, the Society in 1821 rented it. There was space for three pairs of Targets, with a range of about 200 yards. Here the Society, having taken up the remainder of Mr. Waring's lease, and having renewed it at an advanced rent of £110, remained till 1834.

In this year the Society obtained possession of a most eligible piece of Ground, of about 6 acres in extent, from the Woods and Forests, situate in the Regent's Park, adjoining the Royal Botanical Society's Gardens, and bordering the ornamental piece of water, and created there one of the most delightful suburban scenes near London. The Ground, on account of the plantations, is seldom visible from the road; there is a gravelled path enclosing the whole area, which, except the greensward reserved for the Targets, is tastefully laid out with clumps of Trees and Flowering Shrubs, and beds embellished with a profusion of flowers.

In the centre of the Ground is erected, from the design of E. Moore, Esq., Architect, an elegant Building, in the Swiss or Rustic Gothic style, opening on to a broad Verandah, and called the '*Archers' Hall.*' The principal apartment is large and lofty, being 39 ft. long, exclusive of the Bay, 23 ft. wide, and 16 ft. high; having 4 large French Windows on the north side, each being 10 ft. high, filled with richly painted glass, having the armorial bearing of various Members of the Society. The Bay Window is also enriched with armorial bearings of the Patrons, and various Members.

The Arms of the Society adorn the ceiling, and around its walls are placed a range of 53 "*Ascharts*," of solid oak, for the Members' Archery Equipments, and each having painted on the door the crest, &c., of its possessor.

A very massive set of Tables, of solid oak, (they cost £72,) adorn the centre of the Hall; at the sides are

two Tables of the same material, (they cost £14); the Chairs are of similar wood, (they cost £41). The Bay Window is at the west end. On the south side is the Fire-place with a Clock above, (the ornamental case of which cost £17,) between 2 doors opening on to the S. Verandah; at the east end is a door opening into the Dressing and Committee Rooms. This noble Apartment is used as a Banqueting Hall. The Dressing Room for Members is appropriately fitted up, and has on its walls a Portrait of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, engraved after a painting by Russell; and a proof Engraving by J. Beugo, after a life-size painting by Raeburn, in the Archers' Hall, Edinburgh, of Dr. Nathaniel Spens, a favorite Member of the "Royal Company of Archers," in the royal uniform; this Engraving was presented in 1867, by Mr. Waring. The Committee Room is large and commodious, and on its walls is a Portrait in oils of H. R. H. George Prince of Wales, presented by Mr. J. H. Greene; also two Portraits in oils of Sir Wm. Wood (fully described hereafter,) presented by Mr. P. Constable; also a Portrait in oils of Mr. James Rawson, (vide p. 36,) presented by Mr. Waring, Senr.; and a proof Engraving by J. Heath, after a drawing by J. Slater, published March 4, 1789, of an Archery Meeting held at Blackheath; the Archer in the act of shooting is said to be Mr. Waring, Senr.* In a glass case on the wall are contained a Persian Bow and Arrows, and equipments, presented by Mahmoud Effendi (in 1794), principal Secretary to the Embassy of the Sublime Porte. The Bow is now worm-eaten, the Arrows are light, and have very small feathers cut like those now called "*Parabolic.*" Mahmoud shot these same Arrows †482 yards; he stood in the New Road and shot them over some intervening fields into the Society's Archery Ground behind

* The Portrait of Mr. Waring, Senr., (ob. May 20th, 1805, æt. 74,) who was so intimately connected with the Society in its earlier days, and which was painted for them by Sir R. Ker Porter, was presented to Mr. Waring on his retiring from the Society; this same Portrait is now in the possession of his Son Mr. Waring of Caroline Street, Bedford Square.

† This fact on reference is verified by a Gentleman now living.

Gower Street, and the exact distance was afterwards measured by the three Toxophilites who were present.

The Ladies' Room is well arranged, for though there are no Lady Members, yet the Ladies belonging to many of the Members' families, often shoot on such days as are not appropriated to the Members, and on the '*Ladies' Day*' numbers of fair Archeresses grace the festive scene; therefore the Society has studied their comfort and convenience also.

In the building are also rooms for the domestics. well appointed Kitchens, &c.

In the four north Windows in the Banqueting Room, are the Armorial Bearings of the following Members:

II.

34	31	28	25	22	19
35	32	29	26	23	20
36	33	30	27	24	21

I.

16	13	10	7	4	1
17	14	11	8	5	2
18	15	12	9	6	3

IV.

70	67	64	61	58	55
71	68	65	62	59	56
72	69	66	63	60	57

III.

52	49	46	43	40	37
53	50	47	44	41	38
54	51	48	45	42	39

I.

1 Thomas Bridges	10 C. Wyndham Rawdon
2 Sir J. Yarde Buller, Bt.	11 William Robinson
3 Duke of Buccleugh, K.G.	12 G. Abraham Crawley
4 Sir H. P. Fleetwood, Bt.	13 G. Rob. Marriott
5 Toxophilite Society	14 Sir Ashton Lever, Kt.,
6 Established A.D. 1781	15 Founder
7 Alex. Nelson Hood	16 John Collett
8 Andrew Gammell	17 Randell E. Plunkett
9 Geo. Holland Ackers	18 R. Barclay, Field Capt.

II.

19 Thos. Ramsden	28 William Peters
20 Chas. Griffiths Wynne	29 Sir J. Mordaunt, Bt.
21 Isaac Lyon Goldsmid	30 W. E. Powell
22 J. Green Walford	31 Rev. J. Holmes
23 Archers' Lodge	32 Earl of Aylesford
24 Erected A.D. 1834	33 President
25 James Mercer	34 Sir A. Malet, Bt.
26 Rd. Berens	35 Hy. H. Hutchinson
27 Fras. Newdigate	36 Henry Legge

III.

37 Hy. Seawell	46 A. Glen Finlaison
38 C. Barnard	47 W. Avery West
39 Hy. Parmenter	48 Ar. C. Legge
40 J. G. Wilkinson	49 W. Grant
41 His Majesty William iv.	50 Archers' Lodge
42 Patron	51 Erected A.D. 1834
43 Samuel Long	52 J. W. Lyon Winder
44 J. Ogilvie Fairlie	53 Thos. Mist
45 Henry Berens	54 John Norton

IV.

55 W. Bagot	64 Swynfen Jervis
56 C. W. G. Wynne	65 Ar. R. Barker
57 R. N. Gresley, Sec.	66 Dan. Finch, Treasurer
58 Sir F. Shuckburgh, Bt.	67 Sir Hy. W. Martin, Bt.
59 Sir Ashton Lever, Kt.,	68 Toxophilite Society
60 Founder	69 Established A.D. 1781
61 Keneage Legge	70 John Crunden
62 John Bott	71 Thos. Roberts
63 John Finch	72 J. R. Arnold

In the Western Bay Window, are these Armorial Bearings:

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- 1 The Earl of Aylesford's Coat of Arms, with supporters, President 1830
- 2 Crown of H. M. William iv., 1832
- 3 Crown of H. M. George iv.
- 4 Coronet of H. R. H. George Prince of Wales, 1787
- 5 Sir Ashton Lever, Kt., President 1781

6 President 1830

7 W. Watson	18 R. Hy. Hunt
8 Badham Thornhill	19 Hy. H. Oddie
9 T. J. Knowlys	20 Hy. Hussey
10 Hy. W. Haye	21 J. Mitchell
11 J. Hoyes Sadler	22 S. G. Woodruffe
12 Western Wood	23 J. H. Baron Tenderden
13 J. Hopkinson	24 Chas. C. Black
14 Wm. Smyth	25 Sir Hy. Meux, Bt.
15 Wm. Jervis	26 W. Shaw Bond
16 Thos. Bourke	27 E. F. Moore
17 Hy. Hippisley	28 A. Morgan

29 President 1781

30 F. Grant	41 P. Douglas Hadow
31 J. Basset	42 Thos. Cabbell
32 E. Graeff	43 R. Quarne
33 R. Arabin	44 A. Tod Thompson
34 J. M. Hutchinson	45 C. Lawrence
35 C. Seale Hayne	46 W. Bowyer Smijth
36 A. H. Mc.Dougall	47 A. B. Blakiston
37 W. Ford	48 S. Nouaille Rudge
38 F. Tyrrell	49 W. D. Davis
39 H. Neanson Smith	50 Wm. Lord Ward
40 Thos. Dawson	51 C. J. J. Hamilton

At the Entrance Gate of the Grounds is a pretty and commodious Lodge used as the Gardener's Residence.

The whole arrangement reflects much credit on the taste of the Hon. D. Finch, a former Hon. Secretary, under whose direction it was planned, proving that in

Landscape Gardening his judgment was not inferior to his skill as an Archer.

Various improvements have lately been made under the skilful management of the present zealous and efficient Hon. Secretary; and the Royal Society is in a most flourishing condition.

The annual Rent at Bayswater was £110. The annual Ground Rent paid to the Woods and Forests for the Ground in the Regent's Park, was £122. The entire cost of the Building, laying out the Grounds, furnishing and finishing, amounted to £4,548 9s. 6d. It is not to be supposed that the whole of this sum of money could be found at once by the Society, yet it appears that in 1841 the last payment of £50 to the Rev. J. Holmes, was made, and thenceforth the Society was embarrassed with no debts.

At the completion of the Building, &c., the payments were arranged thus :

£	s.	d.	
1500	0	0	borrowed of the Rev. J. Holmes
1150	0	0	received by purchase of Subscriptions
50	0	0	given by Mr. J. Crunden
580	0	0	contributed by Members at £10 each
107	0	0	derived from surplus income of 1833
8	19	7	ditto, 1834
900	0	0	borrowed from Messrs. Hoare
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£4,295	19	7	

About 1840-1 the debts had gradually been reduced to £1,450, but this debt having been found irksome, 9 Members, viz: the Hon. D. Finch, Sir F. Shuckburgh, Bt., J. W. L. Winder, W. Grant, J. G. Wilkinson, Rev. J. Holmes, J. G. Walford, Sir H. P. Fleetwood, and T. Bridges, volunteered to find £100 each, if the rest could be made up, and the rest was found with a surplus of 16s., as mentioned in the accounts of 1841.

THE ROYAL TOXOPHILITE BALLS.

THE Society's Archery Grounds used to be most justly celebrated for the fashionable Balls given here, which gradually arose out of a little dancing amongst the company as a pleasant finish to a day's shooting. The immense success of these Balls, got up regardless of expense and of a most aristocratic and fashionable character, magnified them into unwieldy dimensions and they were at length given up, for it was found that, though Dancing increased in popularity, Archery diminished in the same proportion.

The Balls were occasionally most profitable to the funds of the Society, but as they had no connexion with Archery, it is scarcely to be regretted that the present '*Ladies' Day Fete*,' has become an established Institution instead.

The first mention of a Ball being given in the Society's Grounds is in the Minute Book of 1839. From which it appears that a "*Bal Champetre*" took place on June 25th, 1839, when upwards of 500 persons attended. Another took place on July 23rd, and was attended by 300 persons.

In 1841, a Ball was given by several Members, to about 200 fashionables.

In 1842, a Ball took place, but no date is given.

In a Minute dated May 20th, a Motion was made that a '*Fete*' be given on June 21st, and that Archery

be made a part of it, if the names of 9 Ladies be put down before June 12th, but there is no further record on the subject.

The attempt to get up a Ball in 1843 failed, for want of sufficient support.

In 1844, a Ball took place on June 14th, and was attended by 400 persons.

In 1845, a Ball took place on July 9th, and was attended by 400 persons, and dancing was kept up to a late hour.

In 1846, a Ball took place on June 26th, and attended by 450 persons, and dancing was kept up to 5 a.m.

In 1847, a Ball took place on June 18th, and was attended by 450 persons, and dancing was kept up to a late hour.

In 1848, the Ball took place on June 22nd, and was attended by 500 persons.

In 1849, the Ball took place on June 29th, and was attended by between 400 and 500 persons. This Ball gave trouble, on account of complaints made against some persons who were admitted.

In 1850, the Ball took place on June 27, and was numerously attended.

In 1851, the Ball took place on June 18th, and was numerously attended.

In 1852, the Ball took place on June 15th, and was well attended.

In 1853, the Ball took place on June 22nd, and was well attended.

In 1854, the Ball took place on June 21st, and was attended by 213 persons. This was the last of the Society's Balls.

THE LADIES' DAY FETES.

THE Royal Toxophilite Society, like other London Clubs consists of Gentlemen Members only, yet here, the Ladies are not altogether forgotten. The Ladies of a Member's family can shoot regularly on the ground at Targets appropriated to their use, and a Room in the Archers' Hall is fitted up for them. One day is annually appointed by the Committee as the '*Ladies' Day*,' when the Grounds are given up exclusively to the use of those Members who subscribe to a fund to defray the cost of Prizes, Refreshments, and all other expenses attendant on the '*Fete* ;' the usual subscription is 21s., and the average total £50. The Subscribers issue the Cards of admission, and nominate the Ladies who are to shoot, as the Gentlemen do not shoot, but keep the scores, and attend on the Ladies.

These '*Fetes*' are not of long standing, but they are deservedly popular, being unique in character, and most of the celebrated Archeresses of the Kingdom re-appear annually at these Toxophilite contests. The average number of Ladies shooting is 55. The R. T. S. is now as celebrated for these '*Fetes*,' as it used to be for its Balls.

It will occasionally appear in the following accounts of the '*Ladies' Days*,' that the highest scores have not won, a system of handicapping being adopted so as to equalize to some extent the chances of the Archeresses ; at present the rule is : any Lady having won a 1st Prize at either of the two last Meetings of the G. N., or G. W.

Societies, at the Leamington, or Crystal Palace Meetings, or on these Grounds, shall lose blacks and whites, and any Lady having won a score prize at any of the above Meetings shall lose whites, and any Lady having won the 1st Prize twice on these Grounds, shall lose blues, blacks, and whites.

THE First '*Ladies' Day*' entered on the records, was on June 29th, 1859. 28 Ladies shot the 'National Round,' at 6 pairs of Targets. During the time occupied by making up the scores, there was a handicap on half the number of arrows at each distance. Prizes: Miss H. Chetwynd, best score, 64—330; Miss Tzeliska (now Mrs. Thomson,) 2nd ditto; Mrs. Mogg, score at 60; Mrs. Pollock, ditto at 50; Mrs. Buckley, most golds; Mrs. Flavell, best gold; Mrs. Walters ditto at 60; Miss C. Jekyll, ditto at 50. Very fine.

The 2nd '*Ladies' Day*' was on June 21st, 1860. 37 Ladies shot. Prizes: Mrs. Lichfield, best score, 62—272; Mrs. E. Young, 2nd ditto, 234; Miss J. Spedding, score at 60, 134; Mrs. Flavell, ditto at 50, 95; Mrs. O. Luard, most golds: Miss E. Richard, best gold; Mrs. Ward, ditto at 60; Miss C. Allen, ditto at 50. Very wet.

The 3rd '*Ladies' Day*' was on June 26th, 1861. 36 Ladies shot at 9 pairs of Targets. There was also a Handicap. The value of the Prizes was £22 12s., and £3 10s. 6d. for the Handicap. Prizes: Mrs. Fitzgerald, best score, 49—217; Miss Croker, 2nd ditto, 182; Mrs. Ward, score at 60, 104; Mrs. Tawney, ditto at 50, 71; Miss Carnac, most golds; Mrs. Eccles, best gold; Miss C. Jekyll, ditto at 60; Miss Wetherell, ditto at 50. Very fine, but windy.

The 4th '*Ladies' Day*' was on June 24th, 1862. 57 Ladies shot at 9 pairs of Targets. The usual Handicap was shot. Prizes: Miss H. Chetwynd, best score, 58—268; Miss L. Turner, 2nd ditto, 243; Mrs. Malet,

most golds: Miss Cuthbert, score at 60, 129; Mrs. Thomson, ditto at 50, 99; Miss Rhodes, best gold; Miss L. Stonhouse, ditto at 60; Miss H. Cuthbert, ditto at 50. Fine, and no wind.

The 5th '*Ladies' Day*' was on June 16th, 1863. 40 Ladies shot at 10 pairs of Targets. Prizes: Miss Pennethorne, best score, 48—242; Mrs C. H. Everett, 2nd ditto, 229; Miss Willan, score at 60, 136, (losing whites); Miss Cuthbert, ditto at 50, 88; Miss Brodhurst, most golds; Miss Glennie, best gold; Miss Croker, ditto at 60; Miss T. Spedding, ditto at 50. The earlier part of day wet, but the latter fine.

The 6th '*Ladies' Day*' was on July 12th, 1864. 66 Ladies shot at 10 pairs of Targets. Prizes: Miss Betham, best score, 336, (actual score 378, having lost 42 for blacks and whites); Mrs. Litchfield, 2nd ditto, 250; Miss L. Butt, score at 60, 152; Mrs. Pattle Beecher, ditto at 50, 104; Mrs. Hare, most golds; Miss A. Duff Gordon, best gold; Miss Mc. Kenzie Kettle, ditto at 60; Mrs. Lermitté, ditto at 50. Very fine. The usual Handicap was shot.

The 7th '*Ladies' Day*' was on July 4th, 1865.

"Eight pairs of Targets were used on this occasion. The subscription amounted to £47 5s.; and £11 was subscribed for the Handicap Prizes. The subscription list was headed by His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, whose lead was followed by 44 other Members. A finer day could scarcely have been wished for, though there was a baffling breeze from the west. 42 Ladies appeared to contend for the 8 Prizes presented by the club for competition, and supplied on this occasion by Messrs. Howell and James. After four dozen arrows had been shot at 60 yards, the prominent scores were Miss Betham's, of 42 hits and 210 score, (and it must here be mentioned that one of Miss Betham's arrows fell out of the Target, and could not be scored); Miss S. Dawson's, of 37 hits and 163 score; Miss Sowerby's,

of 35 hits and 161 score; Miss Adams', of 35 hits and 151 score; and Miss E. K. Fenton's, of 38 hits and 148 score. At this distance Miss M. B. Dawson (now Mrs. Jefferies) made a perfectly central hit in the gold, and, as will be seen, received her reward. As is not unusual, the fortunes of the day changed somewhat when, after an interval of half an hour for refreshments, the contest was continued at 50 yards. Two dozen arrows were now shot to complete the National Round, and Miss S. Dawson led with the score of 124, not missing one arrow. Miss Betham followed with 23 hits and a score of 107; then came Mrs. Miller with 19 hits and a score of 103. Miss Adams and Miss F. Carnac had an equal score of 98, the former marking 22 hits, and the latter 20. Next in order appeared Mrs. Buckley, with a score of 93 and 21 hits; and Mrs. B. Luard, 85 score and 17 hits. The details of the prize list, and also the full score and particulars of the shooting of all the Ladies, will be found below:

First prize for best score, Miss Betham (317, 57)—260,
 Second prize for second score, Miss Adams—249
 Third prize, score at 60 yards, Miss Sowerby—161
 Fourth prize, score at 50 yards, Miss S. Dawson (124—
 24)—110
 Fifth prize, most golds, Mrs. Miller—6
 Sixth prize, best gold, Miss M. B. Dawson
 Seventh prize, best gold at 60 yards, Mrs. Hare
 Eighth prize, best gold at 50 yards, Miss F. Carnac
 Medal for score, Miss S. Dawson—287
 Medal for hits, Miss S. Butt—45
 Extra prize for score, Miss S. Butt—173
 Extra prize for hits, Miss L. J. Butt—36

HANDICAP PRIZES.

	actual score.	added.	total.
First, Miss Croker	115	86	201
Second, Miss Betham	193	—	193
Third, Mrs. Hare	104	82	186
Fourth, Miss J. Spedding	50	132	182

Fifth, Mrs. Miller, best gold

Sixth, Miss Brodhurst, second best gold

In addition to the Prizes given by the Society, the Honorary Secretary gave a Silver-gilt Toxophilite Medal for the best score made by a near relation of a member, which was won by Miss S. Dawson; and a similar Medal and two extra Prizes, were given by Mr. Anon on similar conditions, and won by Miss S. Butt, and Miss L. J. Butt. It is worthy of mention that at the close of the shooting for the handicap Mrs. Miller, with her last six arrows, scored five golds and one blue, and Miss Croker scored almost as well at the same time. It is usual at these meetings to deduct black and whites from all Ladies who have won first prizes in the two preceding years at the Grand National Meetings, the Grand Western Meetings, the Leamington Meetings, and the meetings on this ground; and whites from all Ladies winning score prizes at the same meetings. It resulted from this rule that Miss Betham, with a score of 317, lost 57 in blacks and whites, but still won the first prize; Miss S. Dawson also lost blacks and whites, and therefore could not take either of the first three Prizes, but won the Prize for score at 50 yards."

The 8th '*Ladies' Day*' was on June 26th, 1866. 47 Ladies shot at 10 pairs of Targets. Fine, but windy.

"On Tuesday, the 26th inst., the Archery Meeting so well known as the *Ladies' Day* took place in the Gardens of the Royal Toxophilite Society, in the inner circle of the Regent's-park. The day seemed to be made on purpose for the occasion, though some complained of the heat, and others found the gusts of wind more pleasant to themselves than favourable to the flight of their arrows. At a quarter past two o'clock forty-seven Ladies, amongst whom were many of the celebrated archeresses of the day, assembled before about ten pairs of targets,

fated to be severely punished during the afternoon. Four dozen arrows were shot at 60 yards, when the following principal results were obtained :

	Hits.	Score.
Miss S. Dawson	46	232
" S. Butt	36	164
" L. J. Butt	33	145
" Caldwell	36	144
" Ley	35	143
Mrs. Litchfield	34	136
" Fitzgerald	30	134
" Everett	37	127
Miss A. D. Gordon	31	125
Mrs. Hoskins	32	124
" P. Becher	28	122

Thus only two of Miss Dawson's arrows missed the target. The best gold at this distance was made by Miss Quin, and it happened, curiously enough, that this was the first arrow shot during the day. Half an hour was now devoted to rest and refreshment, and at a quarter past four o'clock the shooting at 50 yards (24 arrows) commenced, and produced the following chief results :

	Hits.	Score.
Miss S. Dawson	24	126
" S. Butt	21	115
" Betham	24	110
Mrs. Hoskins	20	106
Miss Ley	18	96

At this distance both Miss Dawson and Miss Betham secured places in the targets for all the arrows they shot. Mrs. Miller made the best shot of this meeting, destroying the pinhole which marks the centre of the gold. The following statement shows the total results of the shooting of the Ladies who made the principal scores :—

COMPLIMENTARY PRIZES.

First prize, for best score, Bouquet, Miss S. Dawson, 358
Second ditto, for most hits, Bouquet, Miss S. Butt, 57

First prize, Gold Necklet, best score, 358 less 44, deducted
for blacks and whites—314, Miss S. Dawson

Second ditto, Gold Bracelet, second score, 279 less 9,
deducted for whites—270, Miss S. Butt

Third ditto, Locket, third score, 239 less 8, deducted for
whites—231, Miss Ley

Fourth ditto, Ornamental Mirror, score at 60 yards—
144, Miss Caldwell

Fifth ditto, Vase, score at 50 yards—107, Mrs. Hoskins

Sixth ditto, Tazza, best gold, Mrs. Miller

Seventh ditto, Crystal Tazza, best gold at 60 yards, Miss
Quin

Eighth ditto, Bohemian Jug, best gold at 50 yards, Miss
Donne

In addition to these Prizes, Mr. Anon, to whom the Society is so largely indebted for many valuable contributions in the shape of challenge prizes, gave a silver gilt Toxophilite Medal for the best score, which was won by Miss S. Dawson; and a handsome silver Bouquet Holder for the best gold not winning a previous prize, which was won by Miss L. J. Butt. This Lady would have won the prize for best score at 60, having made 145 at that distance, whilst Miss Ley made 144; but Miss L. J. Butt's score suffered a reduction of 7 for whites, as she came out seventh on the prize list at the last meeting of the G. N. Archery Society. Whilst the owners of these prizes were being discovered by the Committee, 24 arrows were shot at 60 yards, and 12 arrows at 50 yards for certain Consolation Prizes, which were allotted as follows:—

1st, best score (144), Mrs. Fitzgerald—Fan, given by
Mr. R. Butt

2nd, best gold, Silver Bracelet, given by Mr. Anon, Miss
Croker, being the sister of a member elected before
1866

3rd, best gold at 60, Silver Bracelet, given by Mr. T. Boulton, Miss A. Duff Gordon

4th, best gold at 50, Silver Bracelet, given by the Hon. Secretary, Miss Shelley

At seven o'clock Mr. F. Pollock, one of the Vice-presidents of the Society, proceeded to distribute the Prizes to the successful competitors, after which ceremony the fashionable meeting of spectators interested in the prettiest of all Toxophilite gatherings departed."

The 9th '*Ladies' Day*' was on July 9th, 1867. Ladies shot at 10 pairs of Targets.

"That most delightful and fashionable of all Archery Meetings, the *Ladies' Day* at the Royal Toxophilite Society, is an event which we annually record with additional reasons for commending the gallantry and hospitality which ensures for the meeting an increasing measure of success and popularity, and the competition itself being exclusively confined to Ladies, is thereby rendered conspicuous among the Prize Shootings of every succeeding season. Tuesday last, when the grounds of the Society in Regent's Park were thronged, on invitation, by visitors, was one of the most perfect that Archer or Archeress could desire. Under such genial influence forty-eight Ladies took their allotted places at ten pairs of targets, and about two o'clock commenced shooting 48 arrows at 60 yards, at which Miss S. Dawson, the "Championess of the West," made the very extraordinary score of 283, missing only one arrow out of 48, and counting 11 golds, 14 reds, 12 blues, 8 blacks, and 2 whites. The other principal results at this distance: Miss L. J. Butt, 38 hits, 172 score; Miss Ripley, 38, 164; Miss Marian Ellis, 36, 164; Miss Quin, 37, 159; Miss A. Duff Gordon, 35, 159; Miss S. Butt, 37, 143; Miss Adams, 33, 143; and Miss Arbuthnott, 31, 139. Good golds were marked to Mrs. Hinchliffe, Mrs. Bur-rard, Miss Christy, Miss Ripley, and Mrs. P. Becher; and Mrs. Hinchliffe—a fine central hit—was ultimately

declared the best of the day. After an interval, during which refreshments were served to the shooters, subscribers, and visitors, the Ladies resumed their match, this time at 50 yards, at which 24 arrows were shot by each. Again only one of Miss Dawson's shafts failed to find lodgment in the canvas ; she made an additional score of 123, from, of course, 23 hits ; and thus secured the magnificent gross score of 406 from 70 arrows. It was publicly stated that no such score had been made upon the Society's grounds on any previous occasion. It exceeds Miss Betham's performance at the Grand Leinster Meeting last September, the score of the championess being then the best score she had ever secured in public on the double round—namely, 754; on the first day 375, and on the second 379. There is, we believe, no record of any lady having made every arrow out of 72 ; but it should be mentioned, as an instance of Miss Dawson's accurate style of shooting, that this difficult feat had nearly been accomplished by her on Tuesday, inasmuch as the single uncounted arrow of hers at sixty yards did in its flight actually touch the target, and that the one defaulter at fifty yards found a place in the hind support of the Target. Miss Dawson's shooting was the theme of general admiration. At the shorter distance the other leading scores were : Miss Stephenson, 23, 113 ; Miss Quin, 22, 102 ; Miss L. J. Butt, 21, 97 ; Mrs. Pattle Becher, 21, 97 ; Miss Addison, 17, 95 ; Miss Ripley, 21, 95. The best golds at fifty yards were those of Miss Bray, Miss Arbuthnot, Mrs. Pattle Becher, and Miss Ripley.

The Prizes were awarded as follows : Open prize, presented by Mr. Anon, a silver-gilt Medal, for best score, without deductions, Miss S. Dawson, 70 hits, value 406. Subscribers' prizes.—1st. First score, Miss S. Dawson, 359, after deducting 47 for blacks and whites—silver-gilt Teapot. 2nd. Second score, Miss Stephenson, 64 hits, value 280—silver-mounted Shell Inkstand. 3rd. Third score, Miss L. J. Butt, 258 after deducting 11 for whites—gold bracelet or necklet. 4th. Fourth score, Miss Quin,

249, after deducting 12 for whites—Earrings. 5th. Score at 60 yards, Miss Marion Ellis, 36, 164—Stand for photographic portraits. 6th. Score at 50 yards, Miss Addison—Chinese Fan. 7th. Best gold, Mrs. Hinchliffe—cut-glass Casket mounted in ormolu. 8th. Gold at 60 yards, Mrs. Burrard—Wedgwood Book-stand. 9th. Gold at 50 yards, Miss Bray (a tie with Miss Arbuthnot). 10th. 2nd best gold Miss Christy—ormolu Taper Stand. Extra Prizes for near relatives of members.—11th. Given by Mrs. W. Spottiswoode, for score, Miss Arbuthnot, 215—an elegant Tea-service. 12th. Presented by the Hon. Secretary, for score, Miss S. Butt, 210, after deducting 14 for whites. 13th. By Mr. Anon, for score, Miss Croker, 108—a Dagger for the hair. 14th. By Mr. Antient, for most whites, Mrs. Thomson, 13—silver-gilt Spoon. 15th. A pair of Gloves for most whites at the last end, Miss Knight. Whilst the committee were ascertaining the results on which these Prizes were ultimately adjudicated, 24 arrows were shot at 60 yards, and 12 at 50 yards, for which two prizes had also been presented—namely, a lady's scent Bottle, the gift of Thomas Dawson, Esq., won by Miss Addison; and a bandeau for hair, presented by R. Butt, Esq., as a reward for best gold in the last three ends, won by Miss Duff Gordon. Shortly before seven o'clock the Prizes were distributed to the respective winners by W. F. Pollock, Esq., who in a few very elegantly expressed sentences, thanked the fair competitors for their attendance, and complimented them upon their achievements, especially Miss S. Dawson upon attaining a score that was certainly the highest ever made by a lady on the grounds of the Royal Toxophilite Society, and occupied also a most prominent position amongst the greatest of public scores obtained on a single national round. Col. Sir C. J. J. Hamilton, Bart., C.B., acted as judge, and Mr. Richard Butt measured the golds during the day."



PRIVATE FETES.

"**O**UT of the many thousands who frequent the *fetes* of the Royal Botanical Society, entering the Regent's Park by York-gate, how few know or observe that they pass by the gardens of the Royal Toxophilite Society. These gardens are so sheltered with trees and shrubberies that scarcely a glimpse of them can be obtained from any point; and, unless occasionally the bright face of a target with the sun shining upon it peeps through the thick foliage, no one would guess to what purpose the grounds are devoted. Yet here the society holds its daily and weekly meetings, and each member possesses the privilege of securing the grounds on any Monday for the purposes of an entertainment given to his friends and acquaintances. On Monday, May 27th, 1867, a large assemblage of fashionable people met here, through the liberality of W. Spottiswoode, Esq., F.R.S., a member of the society. About 400 visitors and members were present in the course of the afternoon. The principal amusements were archery and croquet. The wind was very boisterous, making shooting difficult for the toxophilites, and a heavy shower fell, which effectually stopped both sports for half an hour. Six pairs of targets were used; and the ladies shot 48 arrows at 60 yards and 24 at 50; whilst the gentlemen shot 48 at 80 and 24 at 60. Fourteen ladies and twenty gentlemen competed, and there were five sets of croquet in play. The following scores were made:

	60 yds.	50 yds.	Totals.
	h. s.	h. s.	h. s.
Miss L. J. Butt	30 114	21 111	51 225
„ S. Butt	31 129	21 89	52 218
„ Arbuthnot	21 71	16 70	37 141
„ Lewin	20 76	17 57	37 133
„ Addison	27 105	9 27	36 132
„ F. Bray	18 58	15 47	33 105

	80 yds.	60 yds.	Totals.
	h. s.	h. s.	h. s.
W. Spottiswoode, Esq.	36 130	21 117	57 247
W. Butt, Esq.	26 112	21 113	47 225
A. T. Malkin, Esq.	24 84	15 69	39 153
G. E. Hicks, Esq.	24 78	15 63	39 141
Col. Robertson	20 70	14 56	36 126
F. Prothero, Esq.	14 54	15 65	29 119
J. Spedding, Esq.	22 76	12 40	36 118
E. Wilkinson, Esq.	23 57	12 52	35 109
J. S. Stopford, Esq.	9 39	13 69	22 108
E. R. Willis, Esq.	13 35	14 68	27 103
L. Oliver, Esq.	13 51	13 51	26 102

The sports commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and were finished at about 7 o'clock. At 7.15 Mr. and Mrs. Spottiswoode distributed the following Prizes to the successful competitors:—1st. Best score, Miss L. J. Butt, 51, 225. 2nd. Most hits, Miss S. Butt, 52, 218. 3rd. Most whites, Miss L. Ellis, 13. 4th. Best gold, Miss M. Longman. Each of the other ladies received a complimentary present as a remembrance of the occasion. 1st. Best score, W. Butt, Esq., 47, 225. 2nd. Most hits, A. T. Malkin, Esq., 39, 153. 3rd. Most whites, E. Wilkinson, Esq., 16. 4th. Best gold, F. Prothero, Esq. Mr. Spottiswoode himself made the best score, 57, 247, but took no prize. A large Tent was erected by Messrs. Edgington, to adjoin the Archers' Hall, and this tent was well supplied with refreshments by Messrs. Gunter."

" *M* R. R. BUTT invited his friends (archers and archeresses) to an Entertainment on Monday, July 15th, 1867, in the Regent's Park grounds, in exercise of his privilege as a member of the Royal Toxophilite Society. In the archery competition the following prize list was obtained:—Ladies. 1st. Best score, Miss Ripley 281, less 10. 2nd. Miss Quin, 221, less 11. 3rd. Score at 60, Mrs. Burrard, 128. 4th. Score at 50, Mrs. Miller, 95, less 1. 5th. Most golds, Miss Betham, 7. 6th. Best gold, Miss Kent. 7th. Best gold at last end at 50,

Miss Oddie. It happened that no gold was made by any of the ladies at the last end of the round, so another last end was shot. Gentlemen :—1st. Best score, Mr. Rimington, 210, less 7. 2nd. Mr. M. C. Betham, 216, less 15. 3rd. Score at 80, Mr. E. R. Willis, 114. 4th. At 60, Capt. Betham, 93, less 3. 5th. Most golds, Capt. Mac.Kinnon, 3; (in this case there was a tie between Capt. M. and Mr. W. S. Miller, which was decided in favour of the former who had the better score). 6th. Best gold, Mr. G. E. Hicks. 7th. Best gold at last end at 60, Mr. W. Spottiswoode; for this event there was a tie between Mr. W. S. and Mr. E. Oddie, so the tie was shot off; two ends were shot, in the second of which Mr. W. S. made the only gold and won. The scores were much reduced below the expected average by a most troublesome wind, which occasionally succeeded in overthrowing the targets, and by the very heavy rain which stopped the proceedings at intervals. Refreshments, by Gunter, were provided most liberally in a large Marquee near the Hall."

A 'Good Conduct Prize,' a handsome gold Pen and Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Anon, for that member who attended on most Target and Extra Target Days, shooting the *full complement* of arrows on each occasion, was won by Mr. S. Banner, in 1866, he having attended on 16 days.

A 'Good Conduct Prize,' a Silver Pocket Flask, was presented by Mr. Anon, in 1867, on the same conditions as above. The competition for this Prize resulted in a tie between Mr. James Spedding, and Mr. W. Butt, each having attended and completed the appointed round on 14 out of the 23 Target and Extra Target Days of the season. This tie was decided in favor of Mr. W. B., on November 28th, in the same year, in a Handicap Match with Mr. J. S. The York Round being shot.

337. W.B. 29, 105. 37, 141. 22, 106—88, 352

298. J.S. 28, 100. 27, 109. 18, 84—73, 293 & 39—332

SIR WILLIAM WOOD.

CHARLES II. took great delight in Archery, and knighted Sir William Wood, a Marshal of the Archer's Fraternity, as being an excellent shot, he was also held in high esteem by his cotemporaries.* Catherine of Portugal, Queen of Charles ii., seems to have been much pleased with Archery, for in 1676, by the contributions of Sir Edward Hungerford and others she presented a silver *Badge or Shield* (fully described hereafter) to the Marshal of the Fraternity of Finsbury Archers.

"This *Badge* was unanimously confided to the keeping of Sir Wm. Wood ; afterwards the oldest members of the Fraternity undertook the charge of it in succession, together with its *Case*, and a pair of Arrows (described hereafter) won by two other members. This *Case* resembles a cupboard with folding doors, having on the *inside* of each a Portrait of the old Knight in his official costume ; the countenance indicates great intelligence, and good humour ; in his hand is the Marshal's Staff, and on his breast the silver *Badge*, mentioned above ; he is represented with mustachios, a fine flowing beard, and wears a handsome dark velvet hat, surmounted by a rich

* At a procession of Archers, April 21st, 1682, to an Archery Meeting held in Tutte Fields, before His Majesty the King, Sir Ed. Hungerford, Knight of the Bath, was Colonel ; Mr. M. Arnold, Lt. Col. ; Mr. J. Edwards, Major ; Mr. H. Warren, Captain Lieutenant ; Mr. E. Gough, Mr. E. Donne, Mr. G. Walker, and Mr. J. Manley, Captains ; and Mr. J. Jennings, Lieut ; on this occasion at least 1000 Archers were in the field.

plume, while the lower part of his dress which is equally picturesque, resembles what Vandyke gives to many of his family pictures.' The legend

Sir William Wood,

appears beneath the first Portrait; and—

With abundance of love,

an expression he often used—beneath the second." These two Portraits are now in gold frames, and there is no record when this alteration took place; they are painted upon oak (in fact upon the very doors of the Case), and are 2 ft. 10 in. high, and 1 ft. 6 in. wide.*

Sir Wm. Wood (author of the 'Bowman's Glory') died in 1691, æt. 82, and was buried at Clerkenwell, and when the Church was rebuilt (1788-92), the Toxophilite Society manifested their respect for the old Marshal, by expending a considerable sum on the removal of the monument from the outside of the old to the interior of the new Edifice, and also on its re-embellishment.

The following is the result of a visit this year to St. James's Church, Clerkenwell:—Sir W. Wood's monument is placed in a very dark part of a small staircase, at the south-east angle, leading to a gallery of the Church. The upper part of the monument is imperfect and it may

* An interesting discovery was made on a recent examination of the Pictures; at the back of each is a raised bold heading, forming a kind of frame 2 ft. 6 in. high, and 1 ft. 2 in. wide, and enclosing a figure standing on an ornamental pedestal, and habited in a very similar costume to that worn by the supporters on each side of the Silver *Badge or Shield*, and represent armed Guards in charge of the treasures contained inside the *Case*. These figures have never been highly finished, and are now from lapse of time and damp much injured. When the *Case* was in its original state, these figures decorated the exterior. There is some idea of having these curious and remarkable mementoes of the past placed together in a more appropriate Frame.

have been surmounted originally by a Bust or Coat of Arms, otherwise the monument is in good condition, and bears the following quaint and characteristic inscription :

SR. William Wood lyes very near this stone
 In's time in Archery Excelled by none
 Few were his Equalls and this Noble Art
 Has suffer'd here in the most tender part
 Long did he live the honour of the Bow
 And his Long life to that alone did owe
 But how can Art secure or what can save
 Extreame Old age From an appointed grave
 Surviving Archers much his Losse lament
 And in respect bestow'd this monument
 Where Whistling Arrowes did his worth proclaim
 And Eterniz'd his Memory and Name.

Obijt. Sep. 4.
 Anno { Dni. 1691.
 { AEtat. 82.

On the ornamental supporting Bracket is the following inscription :—

This Monument was erected

by

The Toxophilite Society of London,

1791.



FREEDOMS.

ROYAL Company of Archers. To Sir Ashton Lever, President of the Toxophilite Society, at Leicester House, London, and the other Members of the said Society, the Royal Company of Archers, instituted by Charter under the Great Seal of Scotland,

SEND GREETING

The President and Council of the Royal Company having taken into due consideration the general utility of a friendly connection and correspondence among the several Companies established in Great Britain for promoting and collecting the antient and noble Art of Archery; and being particularly desirous of conferring every mark of esteem in the power of the Royal Company upon the Toxophilite Society at Leicester House, *do hereby* in name and in behalf of the said Royal Company, *Give, Grant, and Commit* to the said Sir Ashton Lever and his successors in office, and to all and each of the Members of the said Toxophilite Society, so often as they or any of them shall happen to be in Scotland, full and free liberty and permission of exercising and practising the said noble and antient Art of Archery, either in shooting at Butts or Rovers within the properties belonging to the said Royal Company at all times and upon all occasions, and hereby order and require all and each of their Markers, Officers, and Servants to give all or any of the said Toxophilite Society free access and admission to their grounds and territories when required.

And the President and Council in name of the said Royal Company *do hereby declare* that any of the members of the said Toxophilite Society who may happen to

reside in Scotland, or be occasionally there, shall be entitled to be elected and received a Member of the said Royal Company of Archers (and that gratis) upon subscribing the laws and regulations made by them and confirmed and enjoined by their Charter. Declaring always that these presents shall not be prejudicial to but corroborative of any former act of admission granted by the said Royal Company in favor of the said Sir Ashton Lever or any other of the Members of the said Toxophilite Society,

(Signed) JAMES GRAY,
WILLM. DUNBAR,

Joint Secretaries,
R. C. A.

Given under the Seal of the Royal Company at their Hall near Edinburgh the 21st day of July, in the 26th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the iii., &c., and in the year of our Lord 1786.

(Signed) JAS. PRINGLE,
President, C. R. C. A.

"*It is stated that a mutual exchange of honours ensued between the Royal Toxophilites and the Woodmen of Arden. The former conferred the Freedom of their Society, with permission to shoot on their ground, &c., by a diploma elegantly emblazoned, and enclosed in a box of yew. That by which the Woodmen returned the compliment, was received in a box made of the heart of oak, the growth of the forest whence they derive their name.*"

"**T**O the most honorable the Toxophilite Society.
The Members of the Vale District of the West
Bucks United Archers Greeting.

Right dutiful respect for your more Antient and most Honorable Society, high admiration of your well approved skill in Archery and gentle Courtesy withall *us* thereunto moving we do proffer unto you most Noble Bowmen with all our humility *The Freedom of our Society*, together with all such rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, as you in your kind courtesy have conferred on us, and duly appreciating the right brotherly feeling of your honorable Members towards us, we do entreat that you will be pleased to accept at our hands this token of high consideration and esteem.

By these presents therefore, under the hand of our trusty and well beloved Secretary, sealed with our Common Seal, we do hereby give and grant unto you and every of you the above mentioned *Freedom of our Society*, that ye may enjoy the same unto your heart's content, and so we wish you farewell.

Given at our Hall at Sparshott, this 19th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1834.

Signed HENRY HIPPISLEY."



“ *¶* It is stated in an old work on Archery, that one of the Articles of the Toxophilite Society was “*that, if any Member marry, he shall treat the rest with a marriage feast;*” by reference to an old Member still living, it appears that this was not inserted in the Society’s Rules, but was only a verbal agreement, perfectly well understood, and obeyed.

The records of the Society do not mention the Bow Meeting held June 26th, 1781, at which Mr. Feilden won the Captain’s prize—a silver Cup—which he afterwards presented to the Society.

The accounts of all the Targets shot by the Society since their institution in 1781, begin with the Annual Target shot at Canonbury House, August 28th, 1781.

No Minutes are entered in the Society’s records of any transaction between a Committee Meeting held April 15th, 1858, and one held February 13th, 1863.

Country Members were first added to the Society June 27th, 1853, on these conditions, “that they be members of an established Archery Society, have no residence or place of business within 15 miles of the Archers’ Hall, they shall not be entitled to an *Ascham*, and that their power of granting admission be restricted to *personal* admission.”

In Sir Ashton Lever’s time, the Toxophilite Uniform was a single-breasted Coat of grass green, with an arrow engraved on the buttons; buff Kerseymere Waistcoat, and small clothes; Hessian Boots, Hat turned up on the right side, with black feather; belt, bracer, and Shooting-glove. At the present time by Rule 10, it is ordered

that "the Uniform Coat of the Society shall be single-breasted, of Green Cloth or Merino, with the Toxophilite Button, (which bears an arrow horizontally, and above and below respectively, the words "*Pete Centrum*,") and the Cap to be of the same material as the Coat. Any Member omitting to wear the Uniform save those in Holy Orders, Members in mourning, or Country Members wearing black Coats, shooting on Target Days, shall forfeit 2s. 6d."

A handsome silver-gilt Badge, bearing the Society's Arms, struck from the Die presented by Mr. Anon, is now also worn by the Members on their Caps, and may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary at the price of 18s.

The Crests, Mottoes, and Initials of the following Members have been lately placed in the Windows of the Committee Room, not only adding beauty to the Room, but remaining as a source of interest to future Members of the Society; and it seems a pity that every Member does not cause his Crest, &c., to be added to the number:

W. Spottiswoode, W. Butt, R. Butt, P. Butt, H. C. Mules, E. Wilkinson, S. Banner, Thos. Dawson.



MRS. (AFTERWARDS LADY DE) CRESPIGNY.

MRS. CRESPIGNY was the daughter and heiress of J. Clarke, Esq., and heiress also of T. Heaton, Esq.; and married Claude Champion Cespigny, Esq., who having had the honor of receiving H. R. H. the Prince Regent at Champion Lodge was created a Baronet in 1805, and resumed the prefix of "de" before his surname, as formerly used by his Norman ancestors.

The Archery *Fetes* at Groye House, Camberwell, the residence of the handsome, witty, and accomplished Mrs. Cespigny, Lady Patroness of the R. Toxophilite Society, may still live in the remembrance of some veteran Toxophilite. This Lady was an early and enthusiastic advocate for the adoption of the Bow by her own sex; yet in her ardour to promote a fashionable amusement, she exhibited the same spirit of benevolence which rendered her life one lengthened scene of active usefulness. Selecting "*utile cum dulci*" as her motto, she very adroitly made her gay and thoughtless visitors contribute to the support of a Sunday School by levying fines on the unskilful. She was very musical and wrote many songs; here are the two concluding stanzas of one intended to be sung by a chorus of gentlemen in which Archery, on the score of humanity is made to bear the bell from every other rural post.

"The huntsman pursues, too, an innocent foe,
And drives the poor suff'rer with shouts to and fro,
That, distracted by fear, and perplex'd in its way,
Made bold by despair, e'en in death stands at bay;

So I think my good friends, I shall prove what I say,
That the pleasures of Archery carry the day.

Then, sons of the bow,
'Tis meet, ere we go,
That, to wish it success, ev'ry glass should o'erflow.

For no devastation here follows our gain ;
Our pleasures to no one productive of pain.
Though we pierce through the centre, and bear off
the prize,
The wound never rankles, the victim ne'er dies.
Where humanity points you will sure lead the way,
So the pleasures of Archery carry the day.

Then, sons of the bow,
'Tis meet, ere we go,
That to wish it success, ev'ry glass should o'erflow."

Of course this specimen of Mrs. Crespiigny's muse
was a mere *jeu d'esprit* of the moment. This amiable
woman addressed the following lines to Sir H. Martyn,*
when a child, accompanied with the present of a Knife :—

" Whilst there is so much cutting in high life,
No present, sure, is equal to a Knife ;
But you, dear boy, will very shortly know
How far your cutting may in reason go.
That tyrant, fashion, whom so many seek,
Can only govern, unrestrained, the weak ;
So with its follies sometimes you'll dispense,
And never cut good humour or good sense."

Her letters to her Son were once deservedly popular.

Fortunate did the votary of fashion esteem himself
who received an invitation to her Archery Breakfasts.
The company shot "*games*" as they are termed in

* Probably this Sir H. Martyn, is the Sir H. W. Martin
mentioned at p.p. 22 and 65, and who presented the silver Medal,
in 1831.

archer's language. 11 was the winning number, and each arrow counted as in these days, 9, 7, 5, 3, and 1. The targets were 100 yds. apart. When the gentlemen had shot, they escorted the ladies within 70 yards, and at that unusual distance they shot. 2s. 6d. forfeits were paid by the unsuccessful; and the little orphans of the charity attended in dresses of grass green, the whole forming a very interesting group. The presence of ladies is now regarded as indispensable to the perfect enjoyment of these genuine *fêtes champêtres*; for the trim shaft, launched from the hand of some fair Toxophilite, faultless in face and figure, inspires us with an enthusiasm which belongs not to the most adroit display of Archery in the other sex.

It was this sort of gallant admiration that inscribed the following record of a fair victor's achievements on the walls of the Royal Toxophilite banqueting room.

“October 1st, 1790, a match was shot at Mr. Wyborough's, Branhope Hall, Yorkshire, at 100 yards, between Miss Littledale, Mr. Gilpin, and Mr. Wyborough, in which Miss Littledale was victorious. During the shooting, which lasted 3 hours, Miss Littledale hit the gold 4 times; and what evinces superior skill, the three last hits made by Miss Littledale were all in the gold.”

“This inscription is placed in a glass frame, and was copied April, 1798. Banke's M.SS.”*

* There is no account of the above feat in the Society's records, and the glass frame is not now in their possession. Thos. Wyburgh was a member of the Society in 1788, 89, 90, and Wm. Gilpin was member from 1789 until 1803.

THE Society's favorite Cockatoo '*Charley*,' well known to and admired by all who visited the Archers' Hall, died on May 25th, 1867,* and the donor of the Bird on being made acquainted with the fact, wrote the following amusing letter.

Richmond, 10th June, 1867.

Sir,

I am extremely obliged by your note of the 4th inst., conveying information of the death of the Cockatoo which I gave the Toxophilite Society about 36 years ago. And in order to comply with your request that I would give some facts as to his early history, I have postponed my reply to your communication with a view to pick up among the members of the family any details which might serve to illustrate the Biography of the illustrious deceased.

I regret to state that the particulars of his early career in this country, as far as they have been brought under my notice, are extremely scanty. It is pretty well established that the Bird was in my Father's possession in 1826, having been given to him by a naval friend about that time. It is believed among us that "*Charley*" came from Australia, and his habit of purloining small articles and unconsidered trifles upon every occasion when he had the opportunity, did not incline his friends to cast any doubt on the reputed place of his incubation.

When he came into our hands he was apparently at maturity, being of the same size and appearance then, as when I last saw him about 20 years ago.

* *Charley's* head has been preserved, and was placed in the Banqueting Room on July 9th, 1867.

He had always a great talent for mischief, and a considerable sense of humour, as it seemed, for when put on the carpet, if there were ladies in the room, he would make for their feet, and enjoy their alarm with particular satisfaction to all appearance. Sundry exploits at my father's expense, who used to study in his dressing gown and slippers, and who did not altogether appreciate Cocky's biting jests, caused him to be handed over to my care and instruction, and with very little trouble I taught him a few tricks. I am bound to say that although "*Charley*" came to this country in a Ship of War, he never when on land, indulged in that strength of language which is thought to be indispensable at sea.

I think I must have taken the bird on a visit (from which he never returned) to the Archery Ground soon after 1830. Having the benefit of cheerful society there, he joined very soon on jovial occasions in the *Hip, Hip, &c.*, of after dinner toasts, and being of High Tory politics in 1833, he learned to call persons who fell under his displeasure, "*Radical Rascals*," but I have no doubt that with age and change of times he must have forgotten all such uncomplimentary expressions in 1867.

I remember when Griffith Jones (the man of all work about the place) died, "*Charley*" for a long time persisted in distressing his Widow, Betty Jones, by calling the defunct in to dinner at one o'clock, in imitation of her diurnal cry of *Griff! Griff!* which could be heard all over the grounds at Bayswater at that time. The result for about a twelve-month was a daily burst of grief on poor Betty's part.

I have troubled you with an unconscionable letter, but the merits of the departed bird, and a desire to meet your wishes will I hope be my excuse.

I remain Sir,

Yours very truly,

GLEN. F. LAYSON.

RULE xxix. of the Society used to ordain that no game or pastime except Archery should be exercised in the Toxophilite Grounds by any Member, and Members were liable to a heavy penalty for any infraction of this rule. It has been thought advisable to relax the strictness of this rule in favour of Croquet, provided the game be so managed that it interferes in no way with the practice of Archery. In the Minute-book of the transactions of the Society appears the following entry arising out of the application of this rule:—

“Extra Target, 26th July, 1839.—After dinner (an incessant rain fell throughout the day, and it was found impossible to proceed with the shooting, nevertheless the Medals were awarded) the Chairman (W. B. Agot, Esq., V.P.) called the attention of the Meeting to an infraction of Rule 29, (prohibiting the practice of any game or pastime except Archery within the Society’s Grounds) which had been committed in the course of the day by three Members present at table, inasmuch as he, the said Chairman had been a witness to Cap. J. N. Orton, Messrs. R. O. Binson, and Wood Ruffe, actively engaged in a certain diversion, commonly known under the name of ‘*pitch and toss*,’ under the very porch of the Society’s Lodge.”

“Motion made, and question put, that it be an instruction to the Committee that they have cause to put in effect the power of fine vested in them by Rule 12. Members divided—Ayes, 8; Noes, 3.”

“Whereupon such of the Committee as were present; Mr. Chairman, V. P.; Mr. Treasurer, the Hon. D. F. Inch; Mr. Secretary, Glen. F. Layson, Esq.; Mr.

Sub. Treasurer, H. P. R. Menter, Esq.; and S. Green Kinson, Esq., deliberated. Motion made by Mr. Treasurer, and question put, that the delinquents be each fined in the sum of half-a-crown. Amendment proposed by Mr. Secretary, that the Chairman be further requested to admonish the transgressors in a manner suitable to the very great gravity of the offence. At this point, information was conveyed to the Committee, that the Chairman had throughout acted as umpire in the illegal pastime in question, and therefore was *particeps criminis* by giving advice, opinions, and decisions on sundry critical points of the play. The Chairman in some sort admitted the charge. Mr. Secretary's amendment (with leave immediately withdrawn. Motion of Mr. Treasurer, also (with leave) withdrawn, and the following substituted, and question put, that the Members infractors of Rule 29, be fined 1s. each, and the Chairman 2s. 6d.,—agreed to. The Sub Treasurer was instructed to collect the fines, which were forthwith duly paid.”



THE PLATE AND OTHER VALUABLES.

THE most ancient piece of Plate possessed by the Society is an Arrow, $28\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, the *stele* being of iron very thickly plated with silver, and the barbed pile ($1\frac{1}{4}$ in. long) of solid silver, the three feathers are also of solid silver. On the *stele* are these inscriptions :

Sir Reginald Foster, Kt., and Bart.

Warwick Ledgingham, Esq.,
Stewards in Finsbury.

Ano. Dom. 1663.

This Arrow was presented to the Society by Mr. Philip Constable.*

Two Arrows (also presented by Mr. Constable), of solid silver, and each 11 oz. in weight, and 27 inches long ; their piles are parallel, similar to those now in use. On one is engraved "Mr. John Saffery won this Arrow, being the Captain's Prize at an eleven score target, and gave it to the Society of Finsbury Archers, Anno. 1751." On the other is engraved "Mr. James Whitworth won this Arrow, being the Lieutenant's Prize at an eleven score target, and gave it to the Society of Finsbury Archers, Anno. 1751-2." Both these Arrows bear the London Assay Office mark, 1751-2.

* Mr. Constable was an original member in 1781; he is mentioned in the Hon. Daines Barrington's *Essay on Archery*, in the 7th Vol. of '*Archæologia*', as one of the oldest Finsbury Archers.

A silver Shield or Badge, (also presented by Mr. Constable), weighing about 25 oz. It is of an irregular upright oval shape $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and 12 inches broad. In the oval centre stands an Archer, in relief, dressed in the uniform of the Archers' Company of the Hon. Artillery Company; his Bow is fully drawn, and he is on the point of discharging his arrow, which has the military barbed pile; in the back ground are two Companies of similar Archers attacking a fortified place. The principal figure of the central design is 6 inches high, and above it in the clouds is this inscription "Reginæ Catherinæ Sagitary." Above this oval centre is a shield with the Arms of England and Portugal, surmounted by a Crown, and supported by the Lion and Unicorn, with the mottoes "Honi soit qui mal y pense." "Dieu et mon Droit." Two figures, 7 inches high, in Roman Costume, with their bows unstrung, stand on each side of the Shield, on scroll work intermixed with oak, vine, and other leaves; beneath the central figure is a trophy of bows and arrows, and a scroll thus inscribed "Ed. Hungerford of ye Hon. order of ye Bath Kt., Ashfield, Gen. Stewards, Anno 1676."

A silver Cup, gilt inside, 6 inches high, and weighing $8\frac{1}{2}$ oz., with the London Assay Office mark, 1788-9. On one side is engraved "This Cup was won by Henry Fielden, Esq., as Captain's Prize, 26th June, 1781,* and by him presented to the Toxophilite Society." On the other is engraved Mr. Fielden's Coat of Arms.

A silver Cup, gilt inside, almost 6 inches high, and weighing $8\frac{3}{4}$ oz., with the London Assay Office mark, 1782-3. On one side is engraved "This Cup was won by Thos. Lowten, Esq., as Captain's Prize, August 3rd., 1782, and by him presented to the Toxophilite Society." On the other is engraved Mr. Lowten's Arms.

* The records of the Society do not give an account of this meeting.

A silver Cup,* gilt inside, $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, and weighing 10 oz., with Edinburgh Assay Office mark, 1804-5. A border of vine leaves and grapes is engraved under the rim.

A silver-gilt Arrow, 28 inches long with an iron tapering pile, having two large Medals attached to its feathers by strong chains, and weighing $19\frac{1}{2}$ oz. It has the London Assay Office mark, 1794-5. On the obverse of one Medal is engraved "The silver Arrow presented to the Toxophilite Society by Thomas Palmer, Esq., is to be shot for by the winners at four annual contests. The Butts down 27, 15, 10, and 4 inches. 12 double ends at each length. Won by John Crunden, Esq., 1799, with 45 hits." On the reverse is engraved

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Hastings Elwin	16	6	1795
	12	7	
	8	15	
	4	15	
		—	
Total	43		
William Palmer	16	7	1796
	12	8	
	8	6	
	4	21	
		—	
Total	42		
John Crunden	16	12	1797
	12	13	
	8	9	
	4	12	
		—	
Total	46		

* There is no inscription upon this Cup, and no mention of it can be found in the Society's records.

Peter Cazalet	16	12	1798
	12	12	
	8	12	
	4	6	
			—
Total	42	*	

On the obverse of the other Medal is engraved "This Arrow bearing the marks of Thomas Palmer, and John Crunden, Esqrs., is again presented by the Hon. Daniel Finch, to whom it was bequeathed by the late winner, to be shot for in the year 1838, by any of the members who, at one of the 4 annual contests shot as on the former occasions, shall have scored 40, but not to be won with less than 45 hits."† On the reverse it is blank.

Twelve silver Medals, weighing altogether $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. On the obverses of the Medals are engraved respectively, 1st. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Henry Fielden, Esq., August 28th, 1781. 2nd. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Charles Sherwin, Esq., August 12th, 1788. 3rd. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Thomas Lowten, Esq., August 3rd, 1782. 4th. The Annual Captain's Prize was won by Thomas Waring, Esq., August 12th, 1784. 5th. A duplicate of the preceding but smaller. 6th. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Robert Fielden, Esq., August 6th, 1785. 7th. A duplicate of the preceding but smaller. 8th. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Charles Wright, Esq., August 3rd, 1786. 9th. The annual Captain's Prize was won by George Biggin, Esq., June 11th, 1787. 10th. The annual Captain's Prize was won

* The Arms of Thomas Palmer are engraved in the centre of the Medal, around which, the above names and figures are arranged in concentric circles.

† The above conditions have never been complied with, the shooting at the 4 annual preliminary contests having always fallen below the standard.

by Geo. Fred. Parry, Esq., June 13th, 1788. 11th. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Geo. Fred. Parry, Esq., June 5th, 1789. 12th. The annual Captain's Prize was won by Robert Fielden, Esq., June 5th, 1790. All these Medals, with the exception of Mr. Biggin's have on the reverses the '*Coats of Arms*' of the respective winners. Mr. Biggin's reverse is blank.*

The Crunden Bugle is of silver, weighs 8 oz., and has the London Assay Office mark 1795-6. It bears this inscription "the Bugle was presented to the Toxophilite Society by George Prince of Wales, 1795; won by John Crunden, Esq., and bequeathed to the Hon. Daniel Finch and by him given to the said Society, to be won by the Crunden Member, 1835."

A handsome silver Medal weighing 2 oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1836-7. On one side is this inscription "For merit, presented by Sir H. W. Martin, 1836." On the reverse is a trophy composed of different Archery Equipments in high relief, there is a wreath of oak leaves in high relief around each side.†

The Crunden Cup,—a very handsome and massive piece of silver Plate, weighing $65\frac{1}{2}$ oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1835-6, hexagonal in form, having three gold and two silver Medals (vide page 40) introduced into five of its sides, the handle being on the sixth. The Cup bears no inscription beyond those on the Medals, and the names of the respective Winners and their hits,

* These Medals were made for the Society, each apparently being in duplicate, one being given to the Captain, and one being retained by the Society. Out of the 12 Medals now in possession of the Society, 8 are single, and the other 4 are in duplicate, being those of Waring and Fielden, i.e., the Society holds that which belonged to the Captain. as well as it's duplicate.

† Sir H. W. Martin, Bt., was a member from 1793 to 1839, and was Vice-President in 1812.

which are annually engraved on it. It was made for the Society in 1836, in memory of Mr. John Crunden.*

A handsome silver gilt practice challenge Medal, presented in 1866, by E. Wilkinson, Esq., it weighs $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and Clasps with the winners' names and scores are now added to it.

A silver Wine Strainer, weighing 5 oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1788-9. The Society's Arms, Crest, and Supporters are engraved on it, with the inscription "presented to the Society by Mr. Charles Calvert, May 11th, 1789."†

Six Decanter Labels, three being for Wine, dated 1791-2; and three for Spirits, 1792-3.||

The 'Barker Bugle' is of silver, and weighs $6\frac{1}{2}$ oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1834-5. On it is inscribed 'presented by A. R. Barker, 1834.' The Society's Coat of Arms is engraved between two branches of oak.¶

The silver 'Arm Guard or Bracer,' weighs 3 oz., on it is engraved "presented by the Hon. Daniel Finch, to be won by the Field Captain for the time being; 192 Arrows at 100 yards, &c."

* Mr. John Crunden became a member in 1788, was an honorary member in 1835, and died in 1836.

† Mr. Calvert became a member in 1786, and after 1797 his name is not in the records.

|| These are mentioned in the list of the Society's valuables in 1804, as having been presented by Mr. Haworth, who was an original member in 1781, and was the first Vice-President, and remained a member till 1807.

¶ Mr. A. R. Barker became a member in 1810, Treasurer in 1813, and was an Hon. member in 1835.

A handsome silver Cup, weighing 49 oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1834-5. On it is this inscription in raised letters, "the Gift of His Majesty William the 4th, 1834." Engraved round the bottom is "won by John Norton, Esq., 1834, and by him presented to the Toxophilite Society."*

A handsome silver Cup, weighing 51 oz., with the London Assay Office mark 1836-7. On it is this inscription in raised letters, "the Gift of His Majesty William the 4th, 1836."||

The Hon. Secretary's 'Badge of Office,' is of silver, and weighs $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz. It consists of two cross Pens, each nearly 4 inches long, and connected by a ribbon scroll of silver. This ornament is now added as a pendant to a wide green ribbon forming a Collar, upon which is also fixed a massive silver-gilt Star, weighing about $3\frac{1}{4}$ oz., and with the London Assay Office mark 1794-5. The circular centre is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter with 6 large and 6 smaller radiations surrounding it. On one side is a bugle with bow and quiver, and a blank scroll surrounded by oak leaves. On the other side is engraved the figure of an Archer and beneath it the following names, &c.—

J. H. Greene, 45

H. Elwin, 39

Rt. Glen, 43

R. F. Richards, 39

T. Perrott, 35||

The 'Budworth Bugle' is very handsome and silver gilt, probably of foreign workmanship, weighing about

* This Cup was presented by Captain J. Norton in 1860, and is annually competed for as a Challenge Cup.

|| This Cup was also won by Captain J. Norton, and presented by him to the Society in 1846, it has no Challenge owner, though both Cups are called the Norton Cups.

¶ No record can be found of any contest in which these five gentlemen scored the hits added as above to their names; it is supposed the above Star was won at Dulwich, June 12th, 1794.

12 oz., with its silver-gilt chain. It has no inscription, but is ornamented with raised bands surrounding it, and enclosing a scroll of oak leaves.

A Toxophilite Challenge Medal, which, with its appointments, is of solid gold, weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and is attached to a green silk ribbon; it was presented in 1865 by a member who at present assumes the name of Mr. ANON; gold clasps with the winners' names are annually added to it.

Nine silver-gilt Toxophilite Medals, each weighing $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz., attached to green silk ribbons, having handsomely engraved silver-gilt clasps with distinctive ornaments, also presented in 1865-6 and 7 by Mr. ANON. They are to be won respectively by the Captain of Targets, the Field Captain, the First Lieutenant, the Crunden Member, the Barker Member, the Second Lieutenant, the Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, the maker of the greatest gross score at 80 yards, on the third extra Target Day; and the maker of the greatest gross score at 60 yards on the fourth extra Target Day.

A similar silver-gilt Medal, to be worn by the Budworth Member, presented by the present Hon. Sec. in 1866.

A steel Die for a silver-gilt Badge, to be worn by the Members, presented by Mr. ANON in 1866.

Two steel Dies, with the Arms of the Society, for stamping note paper, presented by Mr. ANON in 1866.



ADDENDUM.

THE following account of the 6th '*Ladies' Day*' extracted from the 'Field,' was accidentally omitted at p. 89 :—

"The gentlemen who are Members of this Society gave, on Tuesday, July 12th, their annual entertainment with its liberal and courteous encouragement, to the ladies united with them in the appreciation of one of the healthiest, most innocent, and most agreeable of pastimes, of one of the most interesting of pursuits; for Archery taken up now and then, merely as a harmless recreation, is good, because it is carried on in the open air, and because it exercises muscles otherwise indolent, in a manner conducive to health; and on the other hand it is capable when the Archer makes it his object to handle his weapon with all the dexterity required for its proper use, of calling out many excellent faculties of the mind.

"The Man who would be a perfect Archer must study to be perfect in temper and in nerve; he must look for vigour and resolution, he must seek to be patient under his reverses, he must learn to take the roughest truths from his target in the gentlest spirit, he must know how to repent and begin anew; he must be neither elated by success nor cast down by failure; he must bear and forbear, for any undue emotion, whether in the fulness of pride or the exhaustion of despondency, will communicate itself through the ways of the heart, along the fibres of the arm, down to the tender points of the fingers which press the bowstring; and therefore who would shoot well must have their emotions well under

command. The cultivation of such qualities as these must be for the good of all society, and all society should be grateful to those who encourage it. Or if we look at it from another point of view, Archery is one of the prettiest of amusements ; it is equally becoming to men and to women ; it adds charms to the beauty of youth, while it is not unworthy of the serious interest of the mature in age. Such a pursuit should be welcome anywhere, and especially in London, where the wholesome exercise in the quiet garden, the shelter from noise and dust, and the relief of the green sward under the pressure of the feet instead of the hard unrelenting pavement, is a boon to be much desired ; and where a change from the eternal business of visiting and shopping must bring a blessing with it to the victims of that severe discipline.

“ The Royal Toxophilite Garden in the Regent’s-
park, though not large, accommodated comfortably the
shooters (numbering 68) and their friends who were invited
to be present on this occasion ; and the weather—so
often the archer’s enemy—was a friend this day—kind,
generous, and liberal, lavish in favour, showing no frown,
free from cloudy threats, not marring the fair presence
of happy sunshine with the fear of rain ; and under such
an influence the scene was bright and alluring. The
glowing colour of the well-ordered flower-beds suggested
the thought of rural delights without a hint of the faults
of a city atmosphere, and the grass was deliciously green
on which the candidates advanced to take their places at
the targets, in pretty variety of costume, in gay emulation,
in the joyous stir of hope and expectation, tempered
with a moderate doubt, for women are not in general
much inclined to self-sufficiency (vanity being the very
reverse of that quality), and the teaching of the target
has a tendency to check any excess of conceit, wherever
it may exist.

“ Now came the cheerful sound of the successful hit,
the frequent thud in the central ring, and the delicate
music of the stretched bowstring. Now many faces

watched the flight of the arrow with deepening interest, and saw it take its right place with radiant pleasure : and when the shooting of the 4 doz. arrows at 60 yds. was completed, figures were added up and compared, and whispers went about naming the winner of the first prize. After this little pause, with new hope and animation, the competition began at the shorter distance of 50. As soon as the two dozen arrows here—which complete the ladies' round—were shot, a handicap match was arranged, which gave fresh opportunities for distinction, and the proceedings terminated with the distribution of prizes—a pleasant task, well fulfilled by Mr. Edward Headlam. The prizes were worthy of the skill that contended for them, and gave evident satisfaction to the winners ; and so the throng that had for a few hours broken the silence of the garden gradually dispersed, as gaily as they had come, and the afternoon closed pleasantly, with a general hope that, though this day was done, it was to have many renewals in summers yet to come.”

‘FINIS CORONAT OPUS.’

ERRATA AND ADDITIONS.

Page 9. Third paragraph, fourth line.—For “W. P. Constable,” read “Mr. P. Constable.”

Page 15. Third paragraph, fourth line.—For “Kentish Bowmen,” read “Royal Kentish Bowmen.” Ninth line.—For “W. Haworth,” read “Rd. Haworth, M.D., (a member in 1781 to 1807).”

Page 18. First paragraph, fourth and fifth lines.—“Mr. Glen, 61 hits,—64s. 6d. ; Mr. Cazalet, 50 hits ; Mr. Elwin, 49 hits.” Eighth and ninth lines.—Omit “Members 75 ; Income £305 10s. 11d. ; Expenses £294 11s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.” Instead of the words “Score,” in head-lines, read “Hits.”

Page 19. Instead of the words “Score,” in head-lines, read “Hits.” Target No. 4.—For “Mr. Hussard,” read “Mr. Hassard.”

Page 21. Records for 1805, first line.—For “at Bedford Square,” read “near Bedford Square.”

Page 26. Ninth paragraph, last line.—For “Bolt,” read “Bott.”

Page 28. Sixth paragraph, first line.—For “Bolt,” read “Bott.”

Page 29. Last paragraph, last line.—For “many points,” read on any points.”

Page 37. Fourth paragraph, fifth line.—Add after “Esq.,” “now Rev. E. Meyrick.”

Page 39. Head-line of List A.—For “are inserted,” read “are inscribed.”

Page 42. Annual Target, 1782.—For “Lowton,” read “Lowten.”

Page 46. Target No. 3.—For “Mr. Hansard,” read “Mr. Hassard.”

Page 47. Third Prince’s Prize Target.—For “Mr. Hansard,” read “Mr. Hassard.”

Page 51. Ninth Prince’s Prize Target.—Add after “Mr. Porter,” “afterwards Sir R. K. Porter.”

Page 94. The 9th Ladies’ Day, “48 Ladies shot.”







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